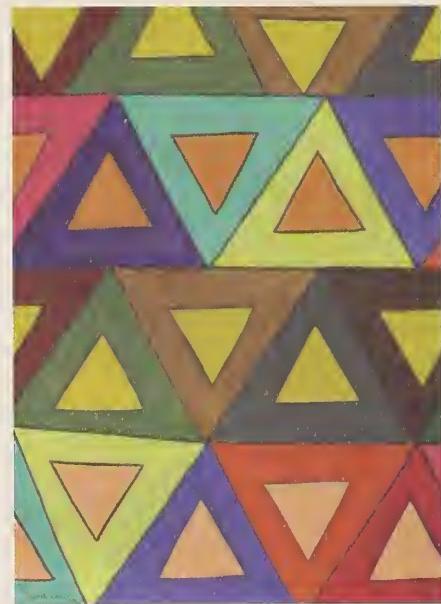
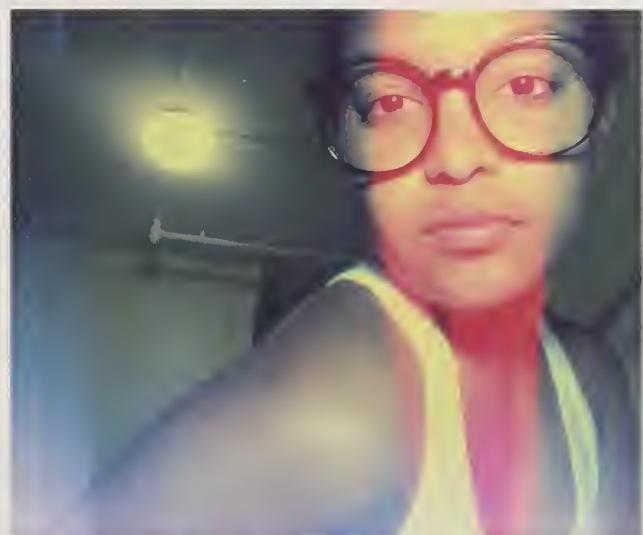




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Editor's Note



I cannot believe that my time at Trafalgar has come to an end. Being on yearbook for the past two years and knowing that this is my final yearbook is hard to accept. Although it's been a wild ride I wouldn't change it at all. I want to start off by thanking Ms. Kwietniowski for everything she has done for me. From being my math teacher and dealing with me during class to being there for me as a second mother. You always knew how to make me feel better when I was having a down day so I thank you for this. I want to thank the students for their pictures; we would not have been able to have a yearbook without you. Allison Anstey, thank you for collecting the write ups for the clubs and sports teams. Miffy Ying, thank you for the numerous photos especially the photograph for the cover of the Yearbook. Ms. Robson and Mrs. Wellborn, thank you for the many photographs you took at school events.

We said goodbye to Rosie, Joan, Margaret, Ruth and Fran, Ms. Kenalty, and Ms. Guan, as well as our Vice-Principal of School Life, Mrs. Martin. They will be greatly missed but we hope they will have a good future and that we will see them around when they come to visit.

To the Class of 2013; you are truly phenomenal women. I couldn't be more happy to spend my last year at Trafalgar with you all. I know that you will accomplish anything you set your minds to.

"You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!"
- Dr. Seuss

Best of luck to you all.

Alyssa Koziol
Editor, 2013

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Head's Message

That's fine in practice but how does it work in theory?"



Practical, "real world" experiences weigh down education as gravity does an ostrich. So desperate have we become to see the results of work in schools, that we are short-changing students at every turn. In public education this has led to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) cutting back music in the elementary grades; sports and "extra" curricular activities also have taken a drubbing this year, as these leaders and educators posit that all this is tangential to the real business of learning. Idealism has always had a hard shake of it in the New World, dominated as we are by the history of the frontier and a prevailing American pragmatism. So the retreat from ideas is entirely understandable. Add the fair crush on the job market and people's

prospects, and the result is a tsunami of stress that is hardly conducive to trying new things. Accordingly, educators, futurists and policy makers of all kinds are looking for an employment Shangri-La. Just where are all these jobs going to come from? The hard truth is that technology is producing unprecedented wealth with fewer workers than ever before. Some areas of the job market are drying up fast, while others can't keep up with the demand for skilled workers.

Where does that leave us at the Castle? We are not the final station on the educational train, but the universities have badly lost their nerve and are hardly even pretending that their degrees or certificates are worth anything beyond a cash value. Yet those universities (and independent schools) that stand for something beyond the trends of the day, even difficult days like these ones, are the ones that offer their students the best chance to live happily, and live well.

FitzGerald's rhetoric challenges a cramping relevance.¹ The questions posed by the "I'm from Missouri. You've got to show me" school of thought will find answers never dreamed of in places like Redmond, Washington; Waterloo, Ontario; and Cambridges on both sides of the Atlantic. The Idealism that began with Plato, running through German Romanticism, is now incarnated in mathematics and physics. Among the most remarkable things about the search for the "God Particle" at CERN (European Laboratory for Particle Physics) was the paucity of any practical application. That's why the United States Government gave the project a pass, pretty much jettisoning their own "Big Bang" particle collider at Chicago, and surrendering supremacy in physics to the Europeans in the process; probably forever.

Idealism is best and most expressed through science, but it lurks in art, music and literature – if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. So we will continue to ask the great questions and exhort our students "to know the best that has been said and thought in the world." (Matthew Arnold, Culture and Anarchy).

-Adam de Pencier,
Head of School

¹. Refers to the Irish Peace Process in 1985. Without FitzGerald's foresight and forensic, the agreement between Ireland and the United Kingdom could not have taken place.



Vice Principals' Messages

This Castle is not an easy place to leave.

Twelve years ago, I arrived at its doorstep, seemingly just as young and nervous as any new Trafalgar girl. I got lost at every twist and turn of a hallway, jolted awake at every late-night creak of these old walls, fought bats and bugs and homesickness....and, somehow, I made this place my home. Just like every Trafalgar girl does. And just like all of you, I too have grown up in this Castle.

In my time here, I have become a teacher, a coach and a Vice-Principal; I have married, become a wife and then a mother. I have made friends of a lifetime, and learned so much more from the girls in my classes and in my office than I can ever hope to have taught them.

I have seen towering strength in the quietest of students as she forces her chin up against all odds. I have watched the most outwardly confident senior break down, and allow herself to be comforted by the small arms of her Little Sister. I've seen stars born both onstage and offstage. I've witnessed brilliant poetry as an audience of one, and absolute hilarity in a crowd of 200 (falling while dancing "Gangnam Style" tends to ensure a laugh).

It has been a gift, this time I've had in our Castle. There has not been one day that I have not woken up, excited to come to work in this place. So very few can ever say such a thing, and I have every one of you to thank for that. The people in this building have inspired me, challenged me and given me great joy, every day that I have been here.

I feel as though I, too, am graduating this year. Mrs. Martin, Class of 2013! And, like each of our grads, I will always find a way to come back to this place that has been my home.

So, I will see you soon!

Gillian Martin - Vice Principal/School Life

"They must often change, who would be constant in happiness or wisdom." --Confucius

This year has often been called the "year of change", which may at first challenge our personal feeling of comfort. When faced with constantly shifting events, we are often confused and uneasy. Perhaps more hopeful and in opposition to that uncomfortable thought is the belief that much advantageous growth comes from change. If we look at the year that has passed, there are many visual examples of how we've changed. Definitely, this yearbook captures the adventure of living we've enjoyed over the last several months.

A yearbook chronicles the linear growth of our school and its students through the direction of forward time. Look for the smiling faces, the pervasive allegiance to one of the school's four house colours, the dedication to a favourite team or club, the shine of achievement from the events completed, and the glow of the lives expanding their individual experiences. The changes experienced by the characters within this book are not just that of passing time and aging but of breadth and depth of personality. The change within expands outward, and even though this yearbook depicts this through the lens of passing time, one can still see and experience the expanse of members within our community in many directions of growth.

Through the change caused by active involvement, one can truly say that we have evidence in pictures of happiness at least. To further support the view of Confucius, one would hope that we can also agree that change through involvement can often bring wisdom. Thanks to the effort of the yearbook staff, contributors and Ms. Kwietsniowski, we hold true evidence of the tides of change that we've all enjoyed during the past year. Here indeed is evidence of our growth.

Lastly, one change likely to bring much advancement to its key player is the departure of Mrs. Martin. We wish her the best as she travels beyond our doors at the end of this year. Although we will sorely miss her presence in our halls, we know that there are others who will benefit from her kind, caring and professional ways. Perhaps this a change we would not prefer, but part of our evolving lives nonetheless.

Farewell to our grads as well, for you are also ready to spread your wings. Your change is greeted with cheers, and we all wish you the best in your further education.

A year to herald. A year to celebrate. A year of change.

Tim Southwell - Vice Principal/Academics



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Mr. Balson



Mrs. Begy



Ms. Brampton



Ms. Caoile



Ms. Cassidy



Ms. Daley



Ms. Douglas



Ms. Drury



Ms. Dykstra



Ms. Guan



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Mrs Newman



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Mr. Price

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Mr. Roadhouse

Mrs. Robinson

Ms. Robson

Ms. Rosati-McKenzie

Ms. Rutherford

Mrs. Schindler

Ms. Semkin

Mr. Smerdon



Mr. Spessot

Mrs. Talent

Mrs. Welbourn

Mrs. Woodley

Class of 2013



Karley

Atkinson-Gaal

It only seems like yesterday that I was a little grade 7 walking through this enormous castle trying to find my way around. I can't believe it has been 6 years, and it is time for me to leave. Trafalgar has taught me so much; it is impossible to list everything in just one paragraph. I came to Trafalgar being very shy and quiet and I am leaving with confidence and excitement. There are too many memories to fit into a paragraph, and a lot has

happened in my life, memories that are timeless, that I will never forget. Muskoka and Kilcoo, many experience weeks, TAA of 2012/2013, different school events, hanging out with my friends, but most of all, just being inside the castle walls and being a part of the crazy but amazing things that happen here.

To my best friends, Jess, Amanda, Kaitlin and Ciara, I love you and this is most definitely not the end. To my Mommy and Daddy, thank-you for giving me this amazing opportunity.

It has been the journey of a lifetime. To my little sister, Sam, and my good friend Laura, I love you both. I won't be at school with you anymore, but I am just around the corner. To the middle school, the grade 7's and grade 8's, I can't even explain how much I will miss you. I will keep the fond memories forever! To Mrs. Martin and Mr. Mac, thank-you for all of your support. To HARE HOUSE, you girls are the best, I will always cheer for Hare!

It's hard to leave this second home, where I have grown up, but I will tell myself "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." Trafalgar girls, teachers and grads are going to tell you - "Your time at Trafalgar is going to fly by before you know it, so don't take it for granted and cherish it." This is the best advice I can give you. It will all be over before you know it, and when you have to leave, you won't want to. Congrats class of 2013! We did it!



Chelsea Brimstin



For seven years, Trafalgar has been my school, my life and my home. How could I possibly compress every moment I've had here into but a few simple words? This castle and everyone in it has seen me through good times and bad, and not once have I ever felt as though I couldn't be myself here; whether I came to school with my hair done, make-up on, and ready for the day, or I showed up with my buttons done up incorrectly, my hair a mess, and wishing I was at home sleeping. Every day here, was one to remember. No matter where I end up in my life, Trafalgar will always have a special place in my heart.

Thank-you to my parents for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank-you to my teachers who taught me more in seven years than I ever imagined I could learn in a lifetime. And thank-you to my friends, for being there for me through everything and always knowing just what to say to make me smile. I will always carry the priceless memories I have made with each and every one of you. Staff, teachers and students, you are my Trafalgar family. You've made me into the person I am today and I could never thank you enough for that.

So I guess this is it...peace out Traf, it's been wicked.



Paige Buckler

My life at Trafalgar has truly changed me for the better. Coming from two previous high schools of over 2000 people to a school of 200 students was a giant change. I am very happy I made the decision to come to Trafalgar.

I have made friendships that I will keep with me for a lifetime, and I have received support from teachers beyond what I could have found at any other school. Everyone here is so heart warming, and so caring. They really put themselves out to make sure your comfort and care is their main priority. I truly do not know where I would be if I had not come to this wonderful school.

I am going to miss it so much, and am so happy to have spent my senior years at Trafalgar.



Cassandra Cabrera



I can't believe how quickly the last four years at Trafalgar have gone by. There have been countless memories made inside and outside these walls; memories that have made me who I am today and memories that will help guide me to my future. I am thankful to the friends and family who have supported me throughout my short four years in this castle. I will never forget the privilege I had this year of being captain of the Field Hockey team and assistant captain of the Hockey team. The times I spent on the field and in the rink have kept me going all year. To the faculty and staff I thank you for all of the challenges you helped me through.

To the class of 2013, I will never forget all the crazy moments we spent together, the car rides and most importantly the feeling of having each other's backs. I will miss every single one of you so much!



Class of 2013



Seong Hee Cho

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." - James Dean

Wow, four years at Trafalgar have gone by in a blink. During those years, I can proudly say that I have changed in a good way.

And who do I thank for that? Of course our dear old Trafalgar!! More importantly, I thank my parents who let me attend Trafalgar!

Although I am sentimental when I think that we cannot be together anymore, I still celebrate that we are now capable of reaching our goals and dreams and are busy heading our own ways. I am excited to see how our lives will turn out in the next ten years. Some of us will be MOTHERS by then!!!!

I wish everyone the best of luck in the future and hope this is not the last time will be together!

Love you girls!!



Sydney Davloor

I have only been at Trafalgar for two years, and I can't believe how much this school has changed me. I remember my first day, wondering why my parents would send me from a public school to a private all girls school. Further along into the year, I began taking school more seriously and showing more respect towards my parents. Being at Trafalgar has changed me into a more responsible, respectful, and hard-working individual. I have made some special memories at this school, and I wouldn't be the person I am today without the amazing student body and staff here at Trafalgar.

I can't believe how quickly time goes by... I remember grade 9 like it was yesterday, thinking I was so cool for being in high school. I remember elementary school, when I was learning simple math - the good old days. And now I realize I am off to university ready to start the next stage of my life.

The last year of high school is an important year. Work hard for your future because you won't regret a second of it. Make strong memories with your friends and family at the same time. Don't take anyone or anything for granted. Value everyone and everything. Make every moment count!



Iris Dai Xiajing

My life has changed dramatically since I came to Trafalgar last year. I still can remember how curious and worried I was when I first came to this school. In time, I

started to realize that making new friends here was an interesting experience and it really made me excited. In addition, trying to adapt to a new lifestyle was challenging.

Even though I often got into trouble, I always felt that I was lucky that I could meet so many friends who were extremely important to me during this Trafalgar time. What a great memory this is!



Amanda Disher



My time at Trafalgar has been short but amazing. It's like the movie "The Breakfast Club" and how they walked out of that school as different and better people.

During my time at Trafalgar, I had the pleasure of making many new friends that I hope to keep forever. None of this would have been possible without the support of my parents and teachers. I appreciate all of their time and effort; all the driving back and forth between the castle and the barn.

Thank-you Trafalgar for giving me the chance. I'm going to miss you!



Class of 2013



Melissa Forde

When I first entered the walls of this school with my mother, I never realized that the time for me to depart would come so soon. I was in tears at my first breakfast at the castle and my mother had to stay a week longer than she expected to. I could not wait until Christmas break to go home, because I missed my family so much. Eventually, during the second term, this started to feel more like home. I made boarding friends and day-girl friends, mostly from Bahamas, Jamaica and Canada. I am thankful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to study at a school abroad because there are more resources based on how you learn here.

I will always remember going to the mall and movies with friends on weekends and eating out and relaxing in each other's rooms or the common room after study hall at night. These are new activities for me that I treasure with my international friends. We formed a group of Caribbean students who went out as sisters every weekend.

Trafalgar has matured me into a young lady and I have developed more independence and responsibility. It has allowed me to join groups and activities that I do not have in my home country. It has also exposed me to the value of true independence and what it is like to live away from home.



Yan (Helena) Gao

This is my first and last year at Trafalgar. I have to say that everything here is different, very different. When I first arrived with my parents last September, I stood in front of the fairytale-like castle and was worried about the coming year. But now, I don't feel this way any more. I have three lessons every day and days one and four are my favorite simply because I love math!

The food at Trafalgar is not fantastic but it is yummy, especially the lasagna, garlic bread and Caesar salad. By the way, I am in the habit of checking the menu every day because it's like a small surprise which usually cheers me up. Food at Trafalgar is regular. No matter what the class schedule on the school calendar is, the food menu on the board outside the dining hall keeps repeating one week after another and it seems like it never ends. But you know what? Everything has to come to an end.

Suddenly, we are graduating! The experience at Trafalgar is unique and memorable. I am going to miss this huge castle. I am going to miss the dining hall, the chapel and my own room. I am going to miss all my friendly teachers and friends here.

Farewell, Trafalgar! I will miss you!



Jessica Ginman

Growing up. It's something that happens to the best of us. It's something that evolves within us as our years at Trafalgar increase. It's something that shows who we really are. It's something that makes me the woman I am today.

I have learned many lessons. I have grown to be the best person I could possibly be through the times and experiences I have had. Without the love and support of my family and friends I don't know where I would be today. They have been my backbone and my best supporters. Through the good times and the bad times, everyone comes together as a family to help each other.

My parents have been there for me through thick and thin. They have been there at my worst and my best moments. They are exceptionally encouraging through everything I have done; whether it be in skating or at school. They have always been my "number one fans" and I am grateful for everything that they have taught me. I'd like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to go to Trafalgar.

Thanks again to my family and to my friends and teachers, for everything that you have done for me throughout my Trafalgar years. THANK YOU!



Jamila Griffith

My dear Old Trafalgar, how can I ever forget you? These past two years have been a great experience. Honestly, at times it was a roller coaster, but it has made me a stronger person today. I will truly miss Trafalgar, especially the Caribbean crowd. There are countless memories that I will never forget. My advice to the younger grades is that what makes you fail today does not classify you as a failure. It prepares you for the next stage of life! Never give up. Do your best and the sky shall surely be your starting point. Remember to fight for your dreams, girls! You can do it!

I want to thank my parents for sending me to Trafalgar and for always believing in my ability to strive for progress not perfection. To all the faculty and staff of Trafalgar, I want thank all of you for helping me transition into this school and giving me the right advice to take forward in life. And last but not least, to my graduating Class of 2013: although our year was short together, I am truly happy with the friendships I have made. I wish you all the best of luck and I hope to see all of you in the near future pursuing your career dreams into success.



Class of 2013

Shanyun Gu



My two years at Trafalgar have now passed and I am going to graduate. During these two years, I have grown up from a little girl to a young woman. I have learnt the importance of cherishing your memories, being thankful, maintaining friendships and many other things. This is all because of Trafalgar. I remember I was afraid of going to live in a castle filled with girls. I remember the first time I opened my mouth to speak in English. I remember the feeling when I listened to the class and met new teachers and classmates. Now, all these experiences have become memories - unforgettable memories. I would really like to thank my parents for letting me study here. In this castle, I faced challenges but received help. I was far from my home but I got a second home.

Being a Trafalgar girl for two years is a wonderful experience. This castle will always be kept in heart as a wonderful memory.



Jessie Hou Jiawei



As I think back on the two years that I spent at Trafalgar, I realize how quickly the time went by. I still remember the first day when I arrived. Everything was so unfamiliar. But now I feel that Trafalgar is like my second home, and it is filled with my memories, both happy and sad. Although things were new and different at first, I found that I liked this school; the teachers here, the residence, my schoolmates, friends, even the staff workers.

These two years not only gave me a better understanding of Canadian culture, but also of my own country's culture, because I met others from all over my country and not just the part where I come from. I can definitely say that these two years hold some of the best memories of my life.



Parting is sad, but the memories are always sweet.

Rokhsar Hakim



Three years have gone by in the blink of an eye. The best times of my life have been spent in this castle. Each year I learned something new and I made new friends. I'm really going to miss Chemistry class because Mr. Spessot was simply the funniest teacher ever. His analogies always consisted of boys and girls at dances, and how the music would make the reactions faster or the dance couples would split because they were bored of each other. I'm also going to miss Calculus because although it was difficult and a lot of work, Mr. Huxter made it interesting and fun. He would always push me to work harder because he knew I could do better. There is absolutely no one else on this planet that can teach Gr.11 Physics and Gr.12 Calculus better than Mr. Huxter!



I would really like to thank my parents for sending me to Trafalgar and making sure that I have the best education. Mom and Dad, I love you so much! My brothers Aryan and Nabil, you guys are my little soccer stars, my own Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. I love you both so much! I am simply blessed to have such a wonderful family.

This year has been full of memories and laughter and fun. I don't want it to end but at the same time I'm excited to see what opportunities lie ahead and what life at university will be like. I will miss all of my friend's sooo much. I love you all because you accept me for who I am. I definitely want to keep in touch. I will miss all of you so much and I wish you all the very best in life. Good luck to you all! xoxo

Sherry Huang Yanhuan



Three years are so short; they almost passed in a snap. Three years are long enough for a person to grow and transform. There is not a single word that can be used to fully describe my experience at Trafalgar. However, I can surely say that the most important thing that I found through these three years is myself. I can still see the 15-year-old self in every new student that comes; a person who is quite insecure inside, but tries to camouflage it. I'm not saying that hiding behind a mask is not beneficial, but there are better ways to "mature".

Maturity is not allowing society to shape us all the same, react all the same or think all the same; maturity means keeping our own thoughts. That's what makes us different from each other. Being mature is to understand and to tolerate. Being mature is to find ourselves and what we want.



Through all kinds of experiences and with help from my teachers and friends, I'm surprised to find that I've reached what I was longing for three years ago. Everything can be beneficial if we look at it from another aspect. Take everything that happens at Trafalgar as a treasure. The present that you find difficult, is the irreversible history for tomorrow.

Class of 2013



Junrong (Mabel) Jiang

This is my first year of study in Canada and my last year before enrolling in university. Sometimes I just think about my whole senior high school life and I sigh. Ah! Youth! I never thought I would end high school in such a terrific place. Even though it was for only one single year, I really

regard this as a wonderful journey. Every class, every chapel, every meal, every report card.... oh, I think I am going to miss them. One sentence has given me great encouragement. It is on a piece of paper taped to the wall in Mr. Southwell's office and it says "Life is trying things to see if it works." When I first saw this sentence, I felt full of enthusiasm for life and strength of spirit to overcome difficulties. I've also made lots of friends; we get along with each other very well. Even though I realize that we might never meet again after graduation, I have to say, I have been lucky to meet them. To my awesome teachers: Ms. K, Mr. Huxter, Mr. Mac, Mrs. Schindler and Ms. Philips, thank-you for helping me to achieve strong results. To my residence teachers: Mrs. Holland, Ms. Rutherford and Ms. Guan, thank-you for taking care of me in daily life. To Mrs. Martin, thank-you so much for encouraging me all the time particularly when I was doing my grad speech.

Perhaps I will be back in twenty years to recall the past. I loved my time at Trafalgar Castle School.

Good luck and best wishes!



Catherine Kurz

250 words are not nearly enough to sum up 7 years at Trafalgar. It is surreal how fast the time has flown by, even the days when 3:30 seemed like it would never come. Even though the long hours of homework and extra-curriculars can be exhausting, we made it, and I am confident that every girl will go on to do great things.

Of course, this wouldn't be a true grad write-up without some thank-yous. Firstly, I want to thank the teachers who have put up with me. I couldn't find such love and support anywhere else and I'm truly grateful. I want to thank the TAA and Prefects that I had the chance to work with; you were all amazing leaders, and I had so much fun. Thanks Maxwell House for being the best and Team 1547 "Where's Waldo?" for giving me 4 wonderful years. "I found Waldo" will always live on and never be funny. Thanks to Mrs. Martin for always being there and being the best Mama Prefect. Thank-you to my actual parents for always loving and supporting me.

Before I run out of space: younger girls, cherish the time you have at Trafalgar. Every minute is worth it. To the Class of 2013: I wouldn't have wanted to spent it with anyone else.

"Believe in your flyness...conquer your shyness" - Kanye West



Alyssa Koziol

It still feels like yesterday was my first day at Trafalgar. I was in Grade 7; I was barely five feet tall and terrified. If someone had asked me then to describe what my high school life would look like I don't think I could have answered them. If I were to say I would go on an exchange to British Columbia or I that I would help build a school in Ghana, I would think I was crazy because my old self would never have done that.

Six years later I am graduating. Trafalgar has taught me to take risks and to never regret anything. Everything happens for a reason. You may not know why certain things happen but life sets you up to go on the right path. You just have to be willing to take it. I want to thank my mom and dad for allowing me to go to this amazing school and for giving me an unforgettable six years. I'd like to thank my best friends Alero and Sallie for always being by my side during the times when I didn't think I could overcome something. I will miss our times going out for sushi and talking for hours about the weirdest things. I don't think I can thank you enough for always being there for me. I'd also like to thank my teachers for being by my side and helping me through my troubles. To the returning students of Trafalgar, there is one thing I want to leave with you: Trafalgar Castle is filled with numerous adventures. Experience as much as you can and before you know it you too will be graduating.



Sallie Lau

It's the way the sun hits the castle walls and reflects off the stained-glass windows and sets each brick, each stone, on fire. It's funny how the flames come from the inside, flickering as each little spark stumbles into chapel half-asleep. So surreal, like a beautiful dream.

But that's IT. This is real. I've been bathed in happiness for the last two years. And I come out as a new leaf, rooted by my best friends and watered by a revitalized passion for learning, an altered way of thinking (with gap analysis and the GNA), and of course, a bigger smile and appetite!

So I sit here in the sun, with Seong Hee next to me, doodling on her writeup; May, dreaming about her seventh can of Coke; Alero, giving me a half-quizzical look. And I'm sending a tiny warning to Dalhousie: you have very big shoes to fill.



Class of 2013

Woo Jin (May) Lee



Four years of my life at Trafalgar,
Gave me the chance to meet more than
400 people,
Make 193 friends,
Have 15 sisters, 42 family members,
And 52 mentors.

Four years of my life at Trafalgar,
Gave me the challenge to do my homework,
Study for quizzes, quests, tests,
and exams,
And say good bye to the friends,
and mentors with whom I spent
time for 4 years.

Three years of my life at Trafalgar,
I have said good bye to 95 graduates.
And now it is my turn.
So... well... as William Shakespeare said
“Farewell! God knows when we
shall meet again.”



Yu Liang

It has been a long but fast journey spending the last two years at Trafalgar. It feels as if it was only yesterday that I arrived in this rambling castle and tried to figure out where my next class was. And now.... here I am, with mixed emotions, ready to graduate. High school is over but our new lives are just beginning.

Cheers to the teachers and
best wishes to grads of 2013!



Tian Zhu (Judy) Li

My high school life is coming to an end and I will go to university soon. Looking back and thinking about my high school life, I realize that I will miss everything here even though I have only been at Trafalgar for the past eight months. I would like to thank all of my teachers: stern and interesting Mr. Huxter; affable and cordial Ms. Kwietniowski; lovely Mrs. Schindler; and my Residence Teacher Mrs. Holland. I would also like to thank Mr. Southwell and Mrs. Martin. Trafalgar has become my second home. I will always remember the fun times in class and in residence.

But now, I have to say goodbye to this home. Goodbye my dear teachers, goodbye my dear residence, goodbye my Trafalgar. I will miss all of this, everything, and everyone.



Avery Logan

Trafalgar is my home. Leaving is going to be harder than I can possibly imagine because I will be leaving my family who supports me through everything. It will be a little weird going to a new place where I won't be going to camp every fall, where there will be no more girls playing guys in the school productions or where teachers are not like your best friends. The experiences I have had at Trafalgar were like no other. Leading Carter House in Grade 11 was the time of my life. I will always keep all of Carter House in my heart and root for you when I leave. I am so grateful to have worked with all of the Prefects under the strong leadership of Mrs. Martin.

I will continue the lasting friendships I have made at Trafalgar. No matter what grade you are in, keep in touch! Finally I want to say thank you! I want to thank my sister for being a part of my Trafalgar experience for three years. You are a role model to me. Thank you for all of your support. I also want to thank my mom, whether it is helping me get through a stressful time or supporting me in my accomplishments; you have always been there for me and always will be. Last but not least thank you to the Graduating Class of 2013. You have shaped me into the woman I am today and I am so grateful to have spent these past seven years with you! I hope you all go on to amazing things!



Class of 2013

Genevieve Lukow



In my gap year, I have had the immense pleasure of experiencing a different side of secondary school - a side which few students ever see.

I have had a year to laugh with my friends, both old and new, watch my companionable sister grow exponentially and allow her artistic side to blossom.

Having already experienced the chaos and the beauty of graduation, I look upon this year's graduating class with a congenial and sentimental gaze; both reluctant and eager to start on a new milestone, just as they, and eager to see what the future holds.



Kristen MacKenzie



The fact that my four years at Trafalgar are finally at an end is one of the hardest things I have ever had to come to terms with. There have been so many memories made within these walls, good and bad. When I first came to Trafalgar, I didn't really know who I was or who I could become.

These school walls have shaped me and will continue to influence me for the rest of my life. The most important lessons I have learned at Trafalgar would be to take advantage of every opportunity, to never give up and to always think about the future because before you know it, it's over.

Trafalgar isn't like any other school. It's a community, and for many, it's a home. I'd like to thank the faculty and staff for their support, motivation, knowledge, and of course their humour. I would like to thank my family, for an opportunity that I never thought I'd appreciate and for putting up with my constant stress and supporting each decision I made, whether it was right or wrong. Undeniably, I am leaving Trafalgar more focused, confident and the happiest I have ever been. The girls here have each contributed to my life in some way and for that, I thank you all and wish you the best with your future. It's been a great ride and I can't wait to start a new chapter in my life. We've finally made it!



Amanda Manson



Trafalgar has been like a second home to me. Over my years here I have grown in so many ways and learned more than I expected.

My favourite memories will be my last years at Trafalgar while being the Farewell House Captain and Community Outreach/ Peer Mediation Prefect.



My words of wisdom are as follows:
Only trust people if they've earned it. No matter what happens no one can take away who you are. Trafalgar will always be a second home for me no matter what.



Alexandra (Aggie) Moffatt

Seven years have finally gone by and I cannot be any happier to be graduating. As I look back on the memories I have made at Trafalgar, I can't help but smile. Trafalgar has taught me so many things and that wouldn't have been possible without the amazing teachers and my incredible friends. I will miss Trafalgar, but at the same time, I cannot wait to start a new chapter in my life.

I will miss all of the memories that Trafalgar has left me with. My fondest memories are involving robotics, whether it is winning competitions, or simply having fun during the build season; robotics was the best part of my Trafalgar experience. More great memories include Camp Kawartha in grade six, being a part of the TAA, experience week trips, field hockey and so on.

During my time here I have learned something very important... that you don't need everything in life. In fact, sometimes it works out better in the end. Remember that you will be the same person no matter what you do, what grades you receive or what leadership position you hold.



To the graduating class, I wish you all the best in the future, and to the girls at Trafalgar, hang in there. It may seem like forever, but eventually you will get there!

Class of 2013

Alero Ogbeide



I woke up one September morning and, suddenly, it was my Senior year. What? I thought to myself. It can't be my last year here already! I haven't done all of the things I said I would do!

I haven't spent an entire day at the movies with Seong Hee and Sallie; I haven't taken Alyssa to Chinatown, I haven't gone to the river with Zoe—just like I promised I would! I hopped out of bed in a panic, but then I thought, it's September! I have tons of time!

I woke up one March morning and, suddenly, I only had three months left at Trafalgar. I thought to myself, I haven't shown my full self yet! I haven't sung in front of a crowd; I haven't put my best foot forward in athletics; I haven't even shown Mr. Huxter the inner calculus in me! I hopped out of bed and sprang into fast-forward mode.

I wake up today and it's June and I'm graduating. These things are no longer regrets, things I didn't do: they're memories. I've done almost everything I said I would do at Trafalgar (they wouldn't let me go mattress-sliding down the main stairs), and they've made me someone better than I could have ever imagined I'd be. Can you say the same?

I don't see this as a good-bye. To my teamies, to my coaches, to my friends, to Trafalgar: you will always have a special place in my heart!



Bria Seymour

Oh Trafalgar, I am seriously going to miss you so much!

Where would I be without you? What sort of person would I be? And what confidence would I have? I am so glad that I chose to come to Trafalgar when I did. Trafalgar has shaped me, and changed me into the person that I am today. I'm much more confident, friendly, bright, and most of all, I'm much happier.

Living in residence, I have made so many new friends; friends from all around the world, friends with whom I will have long lasting relationships and friends with whom I have so much in common. Thank-you to the teachers who believe in me now, and who will continue to believe in me when I leave Trafalgar, and a special thank-you to Mr. Huxter for pushing me to achieve my academic goals. I will miss my Trafalgar family, especially my Caribbean crew. Trust me, the memories will be in my heart forever. I will never forget any of you and I wish the class of 2013 the best of luck in college/university. Don't give up on your dreams. You can do it!



Kaitlin Romain



In my seven years of being at Trafalgar, never did I imagine that my time here would come to an end so quickly.

There are so many people that I have to thank. To my friends; from singing loudly in the halls with me so I don't feel like a loser to walking with me to get carrots from Freshco, you've been there for me through it all. I can't put into words how much I appreciate the love and support that you've given me. I'll miss you more than you know. To my teachers; thank-you for putting up with my constant questioning of "when will I actually use this?" and my annoying commentary during lessons. I'm sorry that I'm not actually as funny as I think that I am. Finally, to my family, without whom I wouldn't be here. Thank-you for giving me the opportunity to explore higher education at a place that I truly call my second home. Thank-you.



Peace out.

Amy Son

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

Trafalgar has certainly helped me learn exactly what Einstein's quote means: learn from your mistakes, live to the fullest, hope for the best and ask what you don't know. It's hard to believe the moment we all have waited for is finally here. Though I am excited to graduate and move on into the next phase of my life, my four years at Trafalgar and Ridley will always be remembered. The past four months that I have spent at Trafalgar have changed me for the better. Whether it be on the field, the ice rink, or the tennis court, the endless memories that have been created will forever be engraved in my mind.

Not many people have an opportunity like this and for that I want to say thanks to Mom and Dad for sending me here and also thanks to all of the teachers who have helped me to make it this far. I will never forget this life changing experience... but finally we're out of here! I wish each and every one of you the best of luck in the next chapter of your life.

Congrats class of '13.
Stay classy. Live, Laugh, Love.



Class of 2013



Sara Sorial

I have been at Trafalgar for three years of my life and it has had a big impact on me. Time passes extremely quickly, and I never thought my time here would go by in the blink of an eye. It will be hard to leave behind all the great memories.

Trafalgar has taught me many valuable things which I can take with me to university, such as; don't procrastinate and leave things to the last minute! I will be missing all my fellow classmates; each one of you is unique in your own way. I hope to visit all of the teachers next year, and stay in contact with many of you. I wish all of the grads a successful and happy life, filled with many surprises and different experiences.

Good luck to all of you!



Jacquelyn Taylor



Being at Trafalgar for seven years has been a life changing experience. All of my teachers have helped me to grow into a strong, independent woman and I can't thank them enough. I've been taught not just schoolwork, but life lessons, life skills, and how to appreciate all that you are given. My relationship with my homeroom teacher, Mrs. Kanagalingam has grown over the years, and words cannot describe my appreciation for this inspirational woman. My teachers have been role models for me and for many of the graduating students. Ms. Cassidy has also taught me a lot. She is a diligent worker and a strong woman who can take on a lot at one time and still manage to get through the day. Being surrounded by caring and supportive faculty and students has made this school like a home to me.

I will miss the home cooked meals and warm lunches that wait on the tables, the kitchen staff that cater to your needs with a smile on their faces and my classmates who have grown up with me over the past few years. I have an endless number of fond memories and it's hard to sum them up in such a short paragraph. But, I take these memories with me as I graduate and I appreciate having all of the opportunities given to me. Most of all, I'm going to miss all the girls who are graduating this year.

You are an amazing group of people!



Jennifer White

Over the past five years, Trafalgar has been more than a school to me; it has been my home. All of the experiences and opportunities that Trafalgar has provided me with, have shaped me. They have made me stronger and have prepared me to take on university next year.

I want to thank my parents for this opportunity and for all of their support. I want to thank my teachers for everything they have done for me. I can't properly express my gratitude for how amazing you have been to me. You have been an integral part of my Trafalgar life. Most of all, I want to say thank-you to my friends. I have grown up with you girls and I never laughed so hard before I met you. All of our times at Kilcoo, experience week, working on the TAA and Prefect, and just sitting together at break, have been the best times of my life.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013, you are the reason that saying goodbye in June will be the most difficult thing I've had to do. I will never forget my time at Trafalgar; I owe so much to this castle. I want to wish all of my fellow classmates good luck in the future; I know that you will succeed in everything that you do.

See you soon!



Taylor Whyte



It is with a bittersweet sentiment that I look back upon my years at Trafalgar. I will remember the many adventures that I have had with my fellow Trafalgar girls with love and gratefulness. Without those adventures at camp, on sports teams, clubs, productions, and even in class, I would not have learned valuable life lessons about hard work, dedication and friendship.

Grade six seems as though it were only yesterday and the fact that I am one of the "grads" is almost unfathomable. I am thankful to have had opportunities in the past seven years that I would have never had apart from the Castle community. The support I received from my sister Natasha, my parents, and teachers has meant the world to me, and I know I will look back on these years as some of the best of my life. My mentors within the school have given me guidance, helping shape me as a person, and I cannot wait to grow in what I have learned as I move forward into a new chapter of my life. Trafalgar will always be my home, no matter where I go in life and I know that with each passing year, I will only look forward more to returning to this home and walking within these walls that are so abundant with memories.

A Trafalgar girl is who I am, and who I will always be.



Class of 2013

Miffy Ying Tsz Shan



Dear old Trafalgar, I can't believe that there is only one month left before I graduate. This is my second year of studying and living in the Castle. Time flies too quickly and I am amazed that soon I am going to say goodbye to my fellow classmates and teachers. Since I am a residence student, Trafalgar has become my second home. I remember the day that I brought all my belongings to my new bedroom at the Castle. Things and "stuff" have accumulated in that room day by day and I finally realize that packing and moving out is not going to be easy.

I have two teachers that I would like to thank. Firstly, my advisor and art teacher, Mrs Welbourn. You are my favourite teacher because you always support me and stand by my side when I have problems or difficulties. I would also like to thank Ms. Guan. I usually call you Ms Guan Guan or Ms Guan Guan, because you are like one of my best friends at this school. When I first saw you, I thought you were a classmate!! No matter how weak my Mandarin was, you were very patient. You listened to me and helped me during hard times.



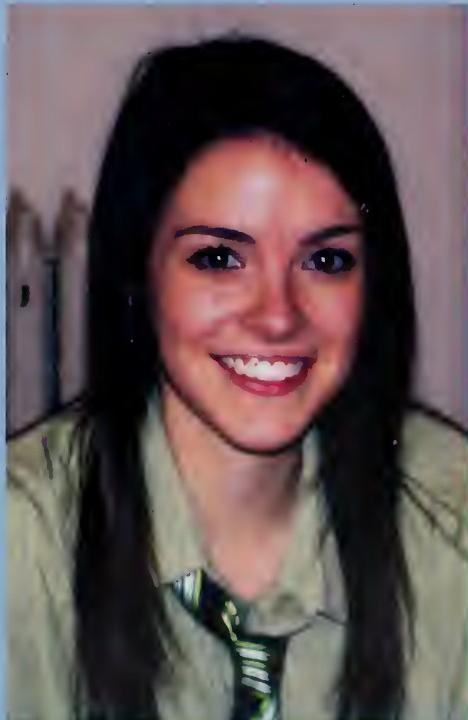
I would also like to thank my Korean friends. I really treasure and enjoy the moments I spent with you. Saranghae!! Although I'm not staying in Canada for my future studies, I hope all my Canadian friends will still keep in touch via Facebook and Instagram. Love ya guys! Last but not least, to my Chinese friends; I remember you told me that my Mandarin improved more in the last two years than my English. Haha. Keep in touch and find me if you are traveling to Hong Kong.



Admin Team for a Day



Principal Sydney



V.P. Academics Kristen



V.P. School Life Paige

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Dana Abossi

Hailey Bain

Lauren Bouchard

Stephanie Brooks



Yu Tong (Emily) Chen



Macy Church



Jessica Cluett

Qi Tong (Angelica)
Deng

Logan Franklin

Lauren Gilbey



Hannah Herscovici

JingTing Hu

Yुqīng (Susie) Jiang

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Hayley MacDonald



Zoe Marzouca



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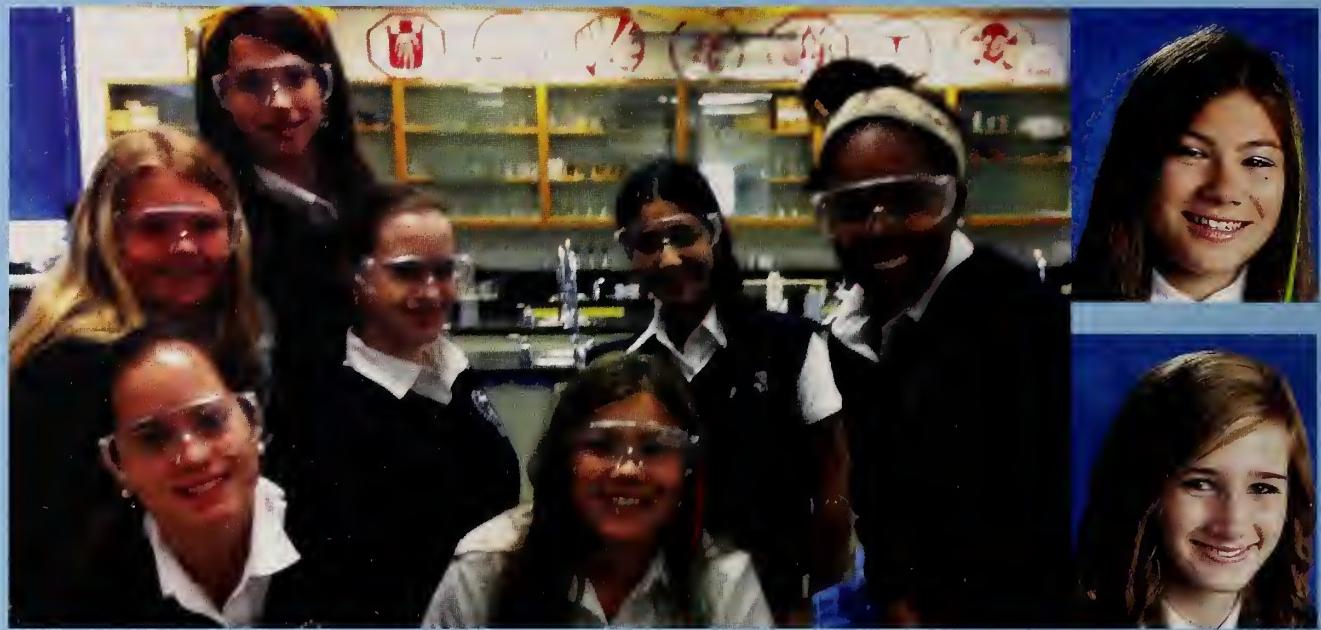


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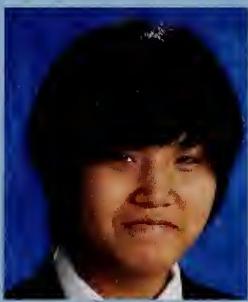
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GRADE FIVE



Prefects

Being a prefect this year has been the most amazing experience I could have asked for. Not only did I have an outstanding year working hand in hand with Alero as Athletics Prefect, but I got to participate in something that changed my life: The Prefect Project. It gave me a chance to share my experience and speak against the stigma revolving around mental health. It is a memory that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Thank you to all the prefects for making this year my best one yet! - Chelsea

It's not all it's cracked up to be: being a Prefect, but you get to put something cool on your resume.

The best part of it all, is that you get experience working as a team, with people you may or may not have anything in common with. REAL experience. Because, in real life, jobs may not be easy and being a Prefect isn't easy. It has had its ups and downs, but that doesn't matter: what matters is that we've learned a lot. - Alero

We have accomplished so much as a Prefect group this year! Stop the Stigma was a huge success and impacted so many students at Trafalgar. I really enjoyed being your Arts Prefect with Kaitlin. We hope that every student was able to experience the Arts at Trafalgar in some way. Thanks for a fantastic year! - Avery

Having the opportunity to act as a Trafalgar Prefect in my final year is something that I am extremely grateful for. What we were able to accomplish was diverse, from the Prefect Project to Parent-Teacher interviews, I look back and am proud of what we did as a team.

I really enjoyed being Arts Prefect with Avery and hope that the Arts at Trafalgar will continue to flourish as they did this year. - Kaitlin

Being a Prefect was a tough but rewarding experience. My portfolio was a challenge, but it resulted in something that I'm very proud of and I hope everyone enjoyed. I loved growing and leading with the other Prefects. It was a fantastic year and I wouldn't change a thing. - Catherine

The 2012/2013 school year was a successful one for the Sciences at Trafalgar. Our Robotics team, team 1547, performed better than ever at our two competitions in Oshawa and Mississauga. The FLL teams won various awards at their competitions. Our SMAT club explored their love of science and helped put on the first Science Week at the Castle, and the Sciences finished the year strong with the informative and innovative Grade Six Science Fair. It was an honour to be the Science and Technology Prefect this year. Being a Prefect was the highlight of my grade twelve year and I gained so much from working with such a strong and intelligent group of young women through presentations, Castle Haunt, Stop the Stigma, the positive space room, and, of course, the Prefect Airband. - Jen

Throughout my years at Trafalgar, the Big Sister Little Sister program has played a big part in my life. As Middle School Prefect, I wanted to make the year the most memorable for all girls who are part of the Big Sister Little Sister program. This year we did a game a show called Soul Sister Search, personal cards, Big Sister Little Sister get to know each other photo shoot, Matchy Day with photo shoot, and to finish the year the Finger print tree. As the year closes I am happy to pass the torch to Laura Abi-Rashed! Thank you everyone for an amazing year and wish you all the best in your future years at Trafalgar. - Jess

Confessions of a Residence Prefect: There is no difference between white collars and blue collars in terms of what you can contribute to the lives of others and how you interact with people. As much as I want a morning sleep in, I don't have one. I can't see anything when I'm up in the loft in the Chapel.

- Sallie

Leaders and team members are created at Trafalgar, and I am honoured to be a part of the school's body of Prefects. As a group, we've had an amazing leadership experience from which we will draw wisdom for the rest of our lives.

I hope the best for my fellow graduates as we step into our futures, and challenge ourselves to live a life with an abundance of joy, love and fulfillment. - Taylor





House Spirit



Carter House



Captain

Sub-Captain

Denisa Popa

Jessica Cluett



Farewell House



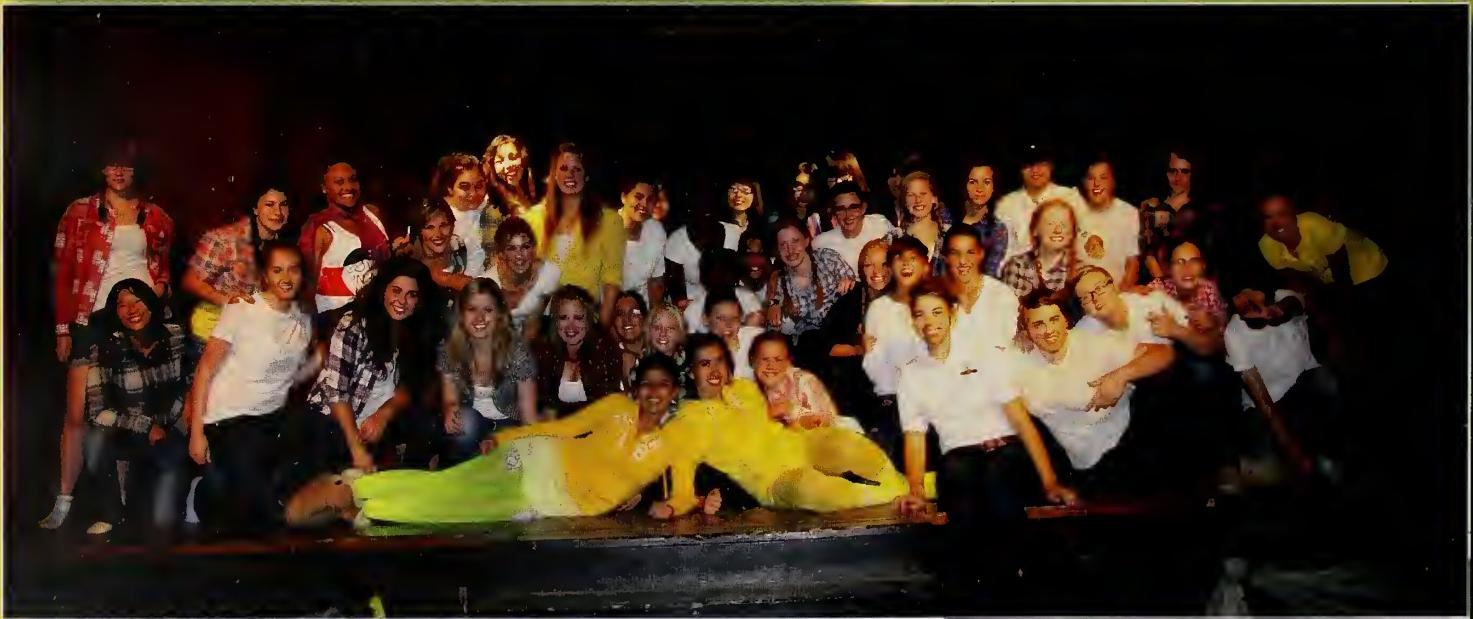
Captain Jacqueline Taylor
Sub-Captain Stephanie Brooks



Hare House



Captain Laura Abi-Rashed
Sub-Captain Dana Abossi



Maxwell House



Captain
Sub-Captain

Charlotte Strahl
Jennifer-Ann Morris



T.A.A

Being on the TAA is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It is a unique experience that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. The sisterhood we developed will get us through anything now. We've put up with each other at our worst moments and laughed and had a blast at our best. This group of girls could not have a wider range of personalities and yet somehow we made it all work and came out on top. Thank you for such an amazing year! Mrs. Martin and Ms. Knight both kept us sane this year through the craziness of camp, House Plays, Airbands, and all our other events. Thank you for keeping our heads on straight! This year has been phenomenal. We couldn't have asked for a better group of crazy, insane, spirited, fun, role models to be a part of something so special as the TAA.

-Madi and Lauren





Sports



U14 Field Hockey



Team Members: Katie Bennett, Emma Douglas, Gabrielle Farr, Caroline Godfrey, Britney Goodfellow, Samantha Goss, Alexia Koster, Jenny Li, Kat Smith, Lauryn Talbot, Amy Thompson, Hannah Vautour, Jessica Vautour, Jenna Zhang.

Coach: Ms. Robson.

The Under 14 Field Hockey Team had a great season. Our team consisted of girls from grades 5 to 8 who came together to form an audacious group. We kept one fierce Toronto competitor at bay! Go team!

We played in all weather and field conditions: rain, wind, mud, and water. We slipped, slid, and even lost a stick in the swamp!

Senior Field Hockey



Team Members: Hannah Blucher-Martin, Rebecca Buxton, Cassandra Cabrera, Darci Carrier, Alexa Chambers, Seong Hee Cho, Georgia Douglas, Lauren Eickmeier, Meagan Healy, Balyinah Jivanjee, Alyssa Koziol, Sallie Lau, Emily-Anne Mikos, Aggie Moffatt, Charlotte Strahl, Jennifer White, Rachel Young, Hailee Young.
Coach: Ms. McGrath.

The Senior Field Hockey Team had an outstanding season! Although we didn't always come out with the best scores, we improved so much over the course of the season. Whether we were playing in mud or on a bright sunny day, the girls always played fiercely and gave it their all.

This season was both a challenge and a great success. It was certainly one to remember. We were able to grow as a team both on and off the field, which made for the best season ever.

We will miss the presence of the graduating students: Alyssa, Sally, Seong Hee, Jennifer, Aggie and Cassandra.

Great job! You were all great!

U 12 Basketball

Bounce around a ball

And attempt to

Score.

Kicking the ball is

Entirely not allowed.

The team, Bridget, Cece, Ema, Amelia, Nadine, Chris, and Grace, were always

Big team players . They

Always passed and

Lobbed the

Little orange ball to each other.



Team Members: Amelia Bennett, Bridget Healy, Nadine Hindawi, Ema Ismaili, Christine Sim, Cecile Temraz, Grace Wylie.

Coach: Miss Semkin.

U 14 Basketball

The U14 Dragons Basketball Team had a fun season this year. Always energized and ready to play, the team improved with each game coming up against many strong opponents in their division. They never lacked in enthusiasm and spirit! Athletic success is not solely measured by wins or losses, but by the individual success of each player and their contributions to the team. I want to thank each player for her dedication and commitment to excellence throughout a very rewarding season.



Team Members: Ana Paula Acedo, Sydney Ali-Digweed, Laura Chimenti, Bree Delaney, Maegan Dymarski, Rachel Healy, Emma Jones, Catherine Liu, Kelsea MacKay, Renee Min, Idora Morales, Reece Sawyer, Maria Sharrad.

Coach: Ms. Miles-Berry.

Congratulations on a great season ladies. I look forward to next year!

Senior Basketball



Team Members: Laura Abi-Rashed, Manna Bakbak, Lauren Bouchard, Chelsea Brimstain, Hannah Herscovici, Michelle Jones, Alex Lopes, Hayley Manship, Zoe Marzouca, Alero Ogbeide, Christina Pongetti, Laura Ramirez, Jacqueline Taylor, Madi Verrydt.

Coach: Ms. Knight.

The Senior Basketball Team has been through a lot this year. Broken fingers, bad backs, sprained ankles and concussions; they have seen and experienced them all. It was rare to see all team members present for a game due to this streak of injuries. And yet, they somehow managed to plow through these obstacles without even looking behind them! Every practice, every game, they would give their best. Win or lose, they would keep the same positive attitude. They would keep their spirits high, and be ready for anything! After a season bursting with setbacks and bad luck, we still made it to finals and managed to pull off second place (again!) after giving Crestwood a run for their money!

We want to thank you, the entire Senior Basketball Team, for making this last season our best one, and we wish you lots of luck next year--though we know you won't need it. Go get 'em, Dragons!

To us, a team like you means more than you know.

You've allowed us to flourish, to blossom, to grow.

And as we move on to the next stage of our lives
We'll never forget you: our teammates, our pride.

- Your Captains, Alero and Chelsea

Senior Hockey



Team Members: Cassandra Cabrera, Laura Chimenti, Georgia Douglas, Maegan Dymarski, Jenna Hyde, Michelle Jones, Alyssa Koziol, Renee Min, Kat Smith, Kyarra Talbot, Lauryn Talbot, Madi Verrydt, Jenny Xue, Rachel Young, Jenna Zhang.

Coach: Ms. Knight.

Though the Senior Hockey Team was entirely developmental this year there were many opportunities for learning, leadership and fun!

We practiced, on average, twice a week and ended the season with a fun game against parents and teachers. There were several girls who came out that were either completely new to the ice or new to hockey, and they had a lot of fun learning how to skate and learning the rules of the game.

We will miss Alyssa and Cassandra next year as they move on to their post-secondary studies and we wish them all the best!

U12 Volleyball

The U12 Volleyball Team had a lot of fun learning to play and making new friends! We had a huge range in experience, as always, but the girls truly came together as a team. Some learned to serve for the first time and we were all proud when they got their first serves over the net in a game. Every player worked very hard to improve her skills and I look forward to seeing everyone on the court next year!



Team Members: Daraugh Boland, Abigail Chapman, Mansi Chugh, Bridget Healy, Isabel Mikoluk, Cecile Temraz, Jessica Vautour.
Coach: Mrs. Robinson.

U14 Volleyball

Our first game was against Bayview Glen; we were all warmed up and ready to play. It was a hard fought game and we played our best, but unfortunately, we lost (although we did win our last set!) When we won our first game of the season, you could tell that everyone felt amazing! It was great to see how each player on the team was supportive and a great friend. Even though we didn't win every game, we had a great attitude and a very positive season!

Jess Wylie and Pai Acedo.



Team Members: Ana Paula Acedo, Sydney Ali-Digweed, Madison Bean, Gabrielle Farr, Samantha Goss, Rachel Healy, Emma Jones, Jenny Li, Cameron McIntosh, Lauryn Melnick, Renee Min, Lauryn Talbot, Amy Thompson, Jessica Wylie, Jenny Xue, Jenna Zhang.
Coach: Mr. MacInnis.

Junior Volleyball



Team Members: Manna Bakbak, MacKenzie Bigioni, Lauren Eickmeier, Jamie Hadley, Meagan Healy, Michelle Martel Jones, Alex Lopes, Megan MacKay, Hayley Manship, LeAnne Nguyen, Christina Pongetti.

Coach: Ms. McGrath.

The Junior Girls Volleyball Team had an amazing season this year winning 13 of our 14 games. We lost our first game against Rousseau but powered through afterwards to win 13 straight games. The girls this year really came together and learned to work as a team and trust each other on the court and off. We created strong relationships and developed many new skills. The Junior girls went to championships for the second consecutive year but this time on new turf. The championships were hosted at Trafalgar as the girls finished first in the division. For the first time in many years the Junior girls Volleyball Team left championships with gold medals and a division title plaque. We are so proud of you ladies for your hard work!

Senior Volleyball



Team Members: Laura Abi-Rashed, Lauren Bouchard, Chelsea Brimstain, Hannah Herscovici, Sallie Lau, Hayley MacDonald, Zoe Marzouca, Alero Ogbeide, Charlotte Strahl, Madi Verrydt.

Coach: Ms. Rutherford.

Congratulations to this year's Senior Volleyball Team on a fantastic season. Members of the team continued to strengthen their skills as they worked hard in both morning and late practices. The girls came together as a team to battle it out on the court against some strong competition, earning them a spot in championships. After a nail-biter, semi-final game, we advanced to the finals where we were unsuccessful in pulling off a win. I am delighted with the efforts the girls put forward this season, and they should all be very proud of their second place finish. The team will miss Alero Ogbeide, Chelsea Brimstain and Sallie Lau next year, but we wish them all the best in university.

U14 Soccer

The U14 Soccer Team had a successful season. With many new additions to the team, some of whom had never played soccer before, the core team of sixteen girls came together to play in six games over the course of the season.

During practices, the girls worked hard to develop their skills by working on their dribbling, passing, and the accuracy of their shots on goal. By the end of the season, many girls saw drastic improvements in their skills set. After much hard work and dedication, the team played in the championships where the girls played two hard fought games, and should be very proud of their fourth place finish overall.

I am very proud of all the players for their commitment and dedication to the team!



Team Members: Ana Paula Acedo, Amelia Bennett, Bridget Healy, Jenna Hyde, Ema Ismaili, Emma Jones, Renee Min, Idoia Morales, Zahra Rahim, Reece Sawyer, Maria Sharrad, Christine Sim, Katie Smith, Alexandra Tavares, Jessica Vautour, Jenna Zhang.
Coach: Ms. Rutherford.

Senior Soccer

This year, the Senior Soccer Team fought an uphill battle for the entirety of the season. We began with Coach Payne putting together a brand new team, which by the end of the season, was composed of nine incoming grade nine girls, three grade tens, one grade eleven and one grade twelve. Few of the girls had ever played together as we entered our exhibition game to kick off the season. Due to the end of Mr. Payne's placement, Coaches Huxter and McGrath took up their old positions and helped us mold together into a cohesive unit. Though we did not win a game, we worked together and grew as a team. Each girl put in a lot of effort and bettered her personal game. In the end, it was a very successful season. The team will continue to grow and our powerful base of grade nines and tens will surely help the team dominate the league in coming years. Good luck next year, girls!
- Jen White

Coaches McGrath and Huxter would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Jen as she leaves Senior Soccer after four great years, serving the team as a fully committed member of our defense. Jen's dedication to the team never waivered regardless of how busy she was. She has always been an excellent role model for our younger players - Thanks Jen!
- McGrath and Huxter



Team Members: Alexa Chambers, Kylee Cox, Lauren Eickmeier, Rachael Gregoris, Jamie Hadley, Hannah Herscovici, Sarah Helen Jaciw, Michelle Jones, Hayley Manship, Natalie Mikoluk, Jennifer-Ann Morris, Christina Pongetti, Rocio Tricio, Maria Vazquez Bracho, Jennifer White.
Coaches: Ms. McGrath, Mr. Huxter.

Under 14 Tennis



Team Members: Morgan Axler, Madison Bean, Madeline Buxton, Maegan Dymarski, Neha Mathur, Cameron McIntosh, Amaara Ranmal, Kyarra Talbot, Lauryn Talbot, Amy Thompson, Jessica Wylie.
Coach: Ms. Semkin.

After a series of firsts for many players (first time playing competitive tennis, first time playing tennis with a partner), the U14 Tennis Team ended the season with a bang!

We won some games and demonstrated considerable improvement in skill and confidence.

Senior Tennis



Team Members: Manna Bakbak, MacKenzie Bigioni, Chelsea Brimstain, Seong Hee Cho, Georgia Douglas, Sallie Lau, May Lee, Alex Lopes, Leanne McKinnon, Emily-Anne Mikos, Allison Poliacik, Denisa Popa, Sangeeta Sharma, Amy Son, Natasha Whyte.
Coach: Mr. MacInnis.

The Senior Tennis Team had a wonderful and exciting season. The team received many new and enthusiastic members and welcomed back some previous ones. Together the girls had fun and improved a lot over the season. Two of the girls had the chance to represent Trafalgar at the OFSAA Qualifiers.

Overall it was a great season and we can't wait for next year!

Rowing

The Rowers have quickly become a well known group in the Trafalgar community. They are the dedicated group of young women who are in the gym long before anyone else is even awake, and who leave class right at three to maximize their training time on the water. Ask them to show you their hands, and you'll see from their 'rowing blisters' just how hard they work!

This diverse group of women came together this year, and learned to row in perfect time. They raced their very first Regatta, and represented the "Castle Crew" with pride! I am so proud of this group of ladies, and I look forward to the day when we can say "we were an integral part of beginning the Castle Crew". Congratulations ladies... what a season!



Team Members: Malak Abuzgaya, Katie Bennett, Nabeela Bhaloo, Brittany Casablanca, Arielle Lynch, MacKenzie Morrison, Laura Ramirez, Danielle Schneider-Loos, Charlotte Strahl, Jacqueline Taylor, Hannah Vautour, Rachel Yeung.
Coach: Miss Kenalty.

Track and Field

Trafalgar's small but mighty Track and Field Team had a busy and very successful season for a talented group of runners, jumpers and throwers. The 2013 track season brought a mix of sunny, windy and rainy weather along with many personal bests and successful top results.

Spring track meets included the Durham Catholic Invitational, the U of T Varsity Classic, the CISAA Championships and the Metro Regional Championships.

This year we had the pleasure of having an Australian exchange student, Emily Herbert join us on the team. A special mention goes out to Zoe, Mia, and Alero who further represented Trafalgar and CISAA at the Metro Regional Championships and should be proud of their accomplishments! Ms. Miles-Berry is a proud coach and congratulates all team members for a fun and outstanding 2013 season.



Team Members: Laura Abi-Rashed, Emily Herbert, Zoe Marzouca, Alero Ogeide, Mia Wallace.
Coach: Ms. Miles-Berry.

Senior Badminton



Team Members: Rebecca Buxton, Mabel Jiang, Young Jun, Jenny Li, Candy Li, Judy Li, Catherine Liu, Yuki Takasawa.

Coach: Ms. Guan.

The Senior Badminton Team had a wonderful season this year. Although most of the players had never played competitive games, they did an excellent job and improved their skills tremendously throughout the season. The girls put great effort into the sport of badminton, winning all of their away games!

I would like to thank the entire team for their dedication and commitment. It has been my honor to work with them as their coach.





Clubs



Castle Singers



Club Members: Malak Abuzgaya, Allison Anstey, Madeline Buxton, Rebecca Buxton, Maegan Dymarski, Melissa Forde, Helena Gao, Caroline Godfrey, Olivia Godfrey, Rachael Gregoris, Jingting Hu, Weixin Liu, Avery Logan, Elizabeth Morand, Jennifer-Ann Morris, LeAnne Nguyen, Summer O'Toole, Alero Ogbeide, Kaitlin Romain, Linda Xie, Jerrica Yin. Conductors: Mrs. Newman and Ms. Jackson.

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astle Singers has enjoyed a very good year on the performance circuit. They performed at The Whitby Station Gallery in November and the annual Christmas Carol Service in December; a tradition to which the girls look forward to each year.

Kicking off the new year in January, Castle Singers joined the Castle Band to perform O Canada and entertain at a home game of the Whitby Dunlops. A duet by Avery Logan and Kaitlin Romain was a definite crowd pleaser!

Trafalgar Castle was well represented this year at the annual CISMF performance at Roy Thomson Hall in April. Singers Alison Anstey, Rachael Gregoris, Rebecca Buxton, Alero Ogbeide, Avery Logan, Jerrica Yin, JingTing Hu, Jennifer Morris, Helena Gao and Kaitlin Romain enjoyed an intense three day weekend of rehearsals and final performance with selected students from other Ontario independent schools. Congratulations to the girls for their hard work and commitment to the festival this year.

The final performance of the group this year was during the annual Arts Week. For the first time, the Trafalgar Castle Music Department hosted an evening concert featuring performances by all of the school's co-curricular ensembles. Singers did not disappoint with their performance of vocal selections. The girls entertained an enthusiastic audience with selections from Les Choristes, the broadway musical West Side Story, Canadian composer Stephen Hatfield and the ever popular "Cups" song, When I'm Gone. Junior School students Madeline Buxton, Olivia and Caroline Godfrey, Maegan Dymarski and Elizabeth Morand are to be congratulated for their outstanding performance on the cups! A real crowd pleaser!

Congratulations to all the girls for their dedication and commitment in the pursuit of excellence through vocal music this year.

Voice and Piano Students



Club Members: Morgan Axler, Tatiana Bean, Melissa Forde, Olivia Kim, Alexia Koster, Sallie Lau, Megan MacKay, Amaara Ranmal, Jacqueline Taylor, Hannah Vautour, JunRu Yin, Hailee Young.
Teacher: Mrs. Roadhouse.

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his year the piano and voice studio was vibrant and ringing with the sounds of music. For the first time, most of the students participated in an evening recital for fellow students, parents, faculty and friends. The Common Room was filled to capacity and it was a great way to celebrate the achievements of the private music students this year.

Several of the students participated in a local music festival, while others pursued music exams through the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Some of the students diligently studied to advance their own musical skills for their own enjoyment and they are to be commended for their dedication to their craft as well.

Tower Flutes

This has been an exciting first year for the Tower Flutes. We have performed at many school events such as, the Carol Service, Christmas Dinner and May Day. Although we are sad to lose our Bass Flutist Mrs. Martin, we look forward to many more exciting performances!

- Denisa Popa



Club Members: Nabeela Bhaloo, Olivia Godfrey, Neha Mathur, Denisa Popa, Mrs. Martin.
Conductor: Mr. Smerdon.

Trafalgar Band

The Trafalgar Bands had a very successful year at local music festivals. The Grade 7/8 Band performed at the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto where they were in a class with 5 other bands in their second year of training. The Band played extremely well and earned a mark of 91%, which gave them a Gold Rating performance and they also won "Best of Class" with the highest mark of all 6 bands that day! The Trafalgar Band performed at Music Fest in Markham on February 13th, where they impressed the adjudicators with their energy and enthusiasm towards the Festival. As a result, they were awarded the "Spirit of the Festival" award.

Congratulations to both our Bands who performed at festivals this year!

From the pen of Dana:

The Trafalgar Band has definitely had quite a successful year! From performing at a Queen's Jubilee event in October to performing all the way in Chicago, many events took place. This is only the second year that the Trafalgar band has been up and running, and our involvement in the community is only going to grow larger! As music heads, we are extremely proud to see such improvement. It's not too late to join the Trafalgar Band next year!



Club Members: Dana Abossi, Sydney Ali-Digweed, Nabeela Bhaloo, Darcie Carrier, Emily Chen, Iris Dai, Emma Douglas, Georgia Douglas, Lauren Eickmeier, Rachael Gregoris, Jamie Hadley, Donny He, Jingting Hu, Susie Jiang, Katrina Johnston, Grace Ju, Young Jun, Zixin Lin, Tina Liu, Dominique Lukow, Genevieve Lukow, Neha Mathur, Sarika Mathur, Isabel Mikoluk, Natalie Mikoluk, Helena Mikos, Jennifer-Ann Morris, Christina Pongetti, Denisa Popa, Laura Ramirez, Lauryn Talbot, Amy Thompson, Anna VanHoof, Effie Wang, Linda Xie, Carina Ye, Jerrica Yin, Yating Zhang.
Conductor: Mr. Smerdon.

Me to We Club



Club Members: Laura Abi-Rashed, Dana Abossi, Malak Abuzgaya, Cienna Ardellini, Hailey Bain, Manna Bakbak, Nabeela Bhaloo, MacKenzie Bigioni, Jessica Cluett, Lauren Gilbey, Jamila Griffith, Victoria Hal-limae, Hannah Herscovici, Michelle Jones, Arielle Lynch, Lauryn Talbot, Jacqueline Taylor, Madi Verrydt.
Advisor: Mrs. Woodley.

The Me To We Club really had its shining moments this year! With a lot of commitment from the students, the club was able to accomplish many things such as: gaining motivation from attending We Day in September, and even selling Me To We t-shirts in the school community.

The Me To We Club has provided a great opportunity for students to get involved in changes they wish to see around the world.

We hope everyone continues to be inspired!

Social Committee



Club Members: Hannah Herscovici, Jacquelyn Taylor, Heidi Tonno-Van Nest.
Advisor: Mrs. Martin.

This year has flown by with small events that brought the school together. The Social Committee started by collaborating with other schools and taking Trafalgar students to Toronto for school dances and homecoming. In February, we lavishly decorated our dining hall for the annual winter formal where students were able to bring their own guests. With the help of Pynx Productions, the dance was a success and the DJ was great. We wouldn't have been able to have such a good turn out without the help of Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Martin and the Assistant Social Heads, Heidi and Hannah. As the weather got warmer, we were able to have a few barbeques outside, bringing the grades closer together with activities, games and prizes. The weather was beautiful for our barbecue day and some girls even had their own picnics on blankets in the grass. We also decorated the school and opened it up to the community for Hallowe'en and the school became the "Haunted Castle."

Each small event within our school walls brought in more members of the school community and made the Trafalgar family even closer. It's been a wonderful year packed full of memorable events.

Festival of Banners

For our 6th Annual Festival of Banners at Trafalgar, the girls worked on designs based on the theme of Inspirational Women. Each of the new large-scale banners were hand painted with exterior latex paint and took many, many hours to complete. It is easy to be inspired when you walk around the campus and see the faces of so many inspirational women, including Amelia Earhardt, Rosa Parks, Princess Diana, Audrey Hepburn, a mom, National Geographic's Afgan Girl, Canadian Olympian Heather Moyse, Rosie the Riveter, Hermoine Granger and Madame Curie.

Congratulations to all the Festival Artists who put so much time and effort into these artworks - great job ladies!



Club Members: Cienna Ardellini, Tatiana Bean, Darci Carrier, Abigail Chapman, Jessica Cluett, Caroline Godfrey, Olivia Kim, Dominique Lukow, Genevieve Lukow, Dolly Sharma, Jacquelyn Taylor, Miffy Ying.
Advisor: Mrs. Welbourn.

Art With Heart

This year the Art Club got a new name! We went from our former title ZAP (Zealous Art Promoters) to Art with Heart. With that name change came a new logo (thanks to Olivia Kim), and a new direction.

This year our very active club met once a week to create and experiment with a wide variety of artistic media including clay, plaster cast, silkscreen, monoprinting, acrylic painting and many many more! We also celebrated our sold out table of crafts and hand-dyed infinity scarves for the Annual Charity Bazaar.

A big thanks to Club Head, Jessica Cluett and the two Arts Heads, Hayley MacDonald and Darci Carrier for helping to run this very fun and creative club this year!



Club Members: Sydney Ali-Digweed, Morgan Axler, Tatiana Bean, Darci Carrier, Abigail Chapman, Jessica Cluett, Caroline Godfrey, Olivia Godfrey, Britney Goodfellow, Nadine Hindawi, Ema Ismaili, Baiyinah Jivanjee, Emma Jones, Jenny Li, Hayley MacDonald, Elizabeth Morand, Kat Smith, Kyarra Talbot, Amy Thompson, Grace Wylie. Advisor: Mrs. Welbourn.

Castle Chronicle



Club Members: Dana Abossi, Nabeela Bhaloo, Lauren Gilbey, Hannah Herscovici, Hayley MacDonald, Kelsea MacKay, Denisa Popa, Charlotte Strahl, Jacqueline Taylor.

Advisor: Ms. Drury.

This year the Castle Chronicle strove to reflect all that Trafalgar has to offer. We covered various happenings such as Arts Week, May Day and even sporting events. The editors: Nabeela, Charlotte and Hannah, worked tirelessly editing, writing and re-working the paper to make it reflect Trafalgar. Contributors Lauren, Kelsea, Hailee and Dana wrote amazing articles on a variety of topics from personal interviews with faculty, to asking the students body for their opinion on events around Trafalgar. The young ladies even made an eco-friendly decision to make the paper available online - a first for Trafalgar.

Stay tuned next year for more exciting by-lines from the Castle Chronicle.

Peer Mediators



Club Members: Laura Abi-Rashed, Dana Abossi, Allison Anstey, Hailey Bain, Nabeela Bhaloo, MacKenzie Bigioni, Hannah Blucher-Martin, Seong Hee Cho, Georgia Douglas, Jenna Hyde, Baiyinah Jivanjee, Michelle Jones, Hanna Elizabeth Kelly, Alex Lopes, Kelsea MacKay, Megan MacKay, Amanda Manson, Denisa Popa, Charlotte Strahl, Hailee Young. Advisor: Mrs. Kanagalingam.

The Peer Mediators are an extraordinary group of girls here at the castle. We have been working tirelessly to improve our communication skills so we can better help mediate sessions and provide helpful advice to the girls of our school. As well as completing successful mediation sessions we have also conducted classroom visits. In addition, we have been working on improving the promotional side of our program by meeting with Mr. Magor and speaking at Open Houses. Anything from conflicts to study skills! We are here to help.

Culture Club

The Culture Club had a great year in 2012-2013!

We went to a number of outstanding shows, including the ballet 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland', 'Stomp', 'A Streetcar Named Desire', 'The Wizard of Oz', and Cirque du Soleil's 'Amaluna'. Students also led meetings about England, France, the Caribbean, and Italy (which involved a hands-on cooking lesson making tasty meatballs and tomato sauce in the kitchen).

Everyone can look forward to next year's Culture Club meetings which will involve cooking different cultural foods each time!



Club Members: Malak Abuzgaya, Manna Bakbak, Nabeela Bhaloo, Madeline Buxton, Rebecca Buxton, Melissa Forde, Jamila Griffith, Rokhsar Hakim, Ema Ismaili, Zoe Marzouca, Amaara Ranmal, Sangeeta Sharma, Tanisha Stuart.

Advisor: Mrs. Begy.

S.M.A.T./C.H.E.A.

The Science Math And Technology (SMAT) Club had a successful year. We started off by changing the clubs name from SWAT to SMAT and expanding to include not only Science, but Math and Technology as well. The girls worked effectively to implement Trafalgar's first SMAT Week. Their work included chapel presentations on scientists, mathematicians, science within the school and in our lives, photographing nature and biological structures, and promoting Science, Math, and Technology. Thanks for all your dedication, girls!



Club Members: CHEA: Kylee Cox, Logan Franklin, Olivia Godfrey, Donny He, Rahemeen Khan, Sallie Lau, Alero Ogbeide, Bria Seymour.

SMAT: Morgan Axler, Chelsea Brimstain, Emma Douglas, Sallie Lau, Denisa Popa, Jennifer White.
Advisor: Mrs. Kanagalingam.

Gay Straight Alliance



Club Members: Allison Anstey, Nabeela Bhaloo, Kylee Cox, Logan Franklin, Sarah Jenkins, Olivia Kim, Arielle Lynch, Amanda Manson, Laura Ramirez, Sangeeta Sharma.
Advisor: Mr. MacInnis.

The Gay Straight Alliance started up half-way through the year but that didn't affect the amount acceptance we spread. This year we worked on developing the fundamentals for the club. We did multiple chapel presentations to raise awareness around the topics of bullying and sexuality. We held a pink shirt day at the school and a rainbow day with a bake sale. The money we raised went towards the Prefect Project's goal for a Positive Space. We have worked tirelessly on spreading acceptance through Trafalgar and started a system where we put trust in students and multiple "swear" jars placed around the school for any time a student uses a term in a degrading way. The GSA has worked hard and is excited to continue spreading acceptance for years to come.

Bookworms



Club Members: Madison Bean, Tatiana Bean, Mansi Chugh, Cameron McIntosh, Amaara Ranmal.
Advisor: Mrs. Schindler.

The Bookworms Club consists of students in grades 5-8 who want to share their joy of reading. It provides a place where they can discuss the books they are currently reading and promote "Good Reads" to other members. Invariably, the discussion reaches beyond the book to encompass current events and experiences.

This year saw the expansion of Bookworms to include a senior branch (grades 9-12). All girls meet to chat and share interests, then separate into junior and senior divisions for more in-depth discussions. This provides a great venue to interact with students from all grades.

F.I.R.S.T. Robotics



Club Members: Business: Nabeela Bhaloo, MacKenzie Bigioni, Hannah Blucher-Martin, Rebecca Buxton, Meagan Healy, Baiyinah Jivanjee, Catherine Kurz, Megan MacKay, Jacqueline Taylor, Taylor Whyte. Tech : Chelsea Brimstain, Georgia Douglas, Rachael Gregoris, Aggie Moffatt, Jennifer-Ann Morris, Allison Poliacik, Dolly Sharma, Sangeeta Sharma, Jennifer White, Natasha Whyte.

Advisors: Ms. Caoile, Mr. Spessot.

FIRST Team 1547 "Where's Waldo?", led by Aggie Moffatt, Jennifer White, Jacqueline Taylor and Jennifer-Ann Morris, had another amazing season this year. The game, Ultimate Ascent, was revealed on January 5th, and the team had to build a robot that could shoot Frisbees into three different levels, as well as hang on a pyramid.

FIRST Team 1547 "Where's Waldo?" attended their first robotics regional at UOIT in Oshawa. Despite Waldo IX being in 3 separate pieces and one side of the drive train not working when the doors opened, the girls worked tirelessly all day Thursday and by the end of that practice day Waldo IX was driving, shooting Frisbees on the top level and hanging consistently on the first level of the pyramid. After playing 12 qualifying matches during the round-robin, FIRST Team 1547 placed 4th out of 34 teams participating in the greater Toronto East Regional, the best the team has ever placed. FIRST Team 1547 was named captain of the 3rd alliance for the final rounds of the competitions, another first for the team, and they selected team 2809 and 4252 to round out the alliance. Due to a technical foul, the alliance lost their first quarter-final match but came back to win the second, forcing a third match. Unfortunately, due to amazing defense from the opposing alliance we finished the regional as quarter finalist. Furthermore, we also received another Entrepreneurship Award, with the judges noting that our team knows where we've come from, where we are and where we are going.

The team attended their second regional competition 3 weeks later at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga. The girls faced many challenges during this regional including Frisbees always getting jammed and being unable to shoot. But with a solid robot, FIRST Team 1547 placed 14th out of 44 teams participating in the Greater Toronto West Regional and was picked up by the FIRST Team 4039 and 3117 during alliance selection to compete in the elimination round of the competition with the 4th seeded team. After a great effort against the 5th seeded alliance, FIRST Team 1547 was beat in this round, resulting in elimination.

While their 2013 robotics season ends here, the girls are already getting excited for the challenges and surprises that the 2014 game will bring. Congratulation to Chelsea Brimstain, for her amazing expertise in driving Waldo and Aggie Moffatt, for her leadership as a drive team coach, this year's Co-MVP's.

Lego Robotics



Club Members: Madison Bean, Amelia Bennett, Katie Bennett, Abigail Chapman, Mansi Chugh, Emma Douglas, Georgia Douglas, Caroline Godfrey, Samantha Goss, Ema Ismaili, Emma Jones, Kelsea MacKay, Neha Mathur, Lauryn Melnick, Amaara Ranmal, Kat Smith, Amy Thompson, Hannah Vautour, Jessica Vautour.

Advisors: Mr. Huxter, Mrs. Robinson.

This year Trafalgar, once again, fielded three FIRST Lego League Teams. New this year was our Grade 5's creating their own team and doing their Lego work during class as a co-curricular programme. This young energetic group not only represented the school well, they received the 'Project Award'. Thanks to Ms. Robinson for her leadership and support of our young legoites!

Our two other teams were Waldo Neophytes (Grades 6 & 7s) and Waldo Jrs. (Grades 7 & 8s). Both teams also represented the school well and our goal of long-term development continues to move forward. This year, our project groups significantly increased the research aspect of their projects, Waldo Neophytes for the first time used a third motor as a manipulator to complete game missions and Waldo Jrs' robot took on many revisions and exposed the team to numerous engineering concepts and challenges that had not been encountered before.

The teams have always prided themselves on focusing on how they work and not what awards they receive. That said, Waldo Jrs' received not only the 'Core Values Award', but they also qualified to go on to the Provincial Championships.

The FIRST Lego Robotics programme continues to develop and expand; more and more graduating legoites join Team 1547, Where's Waldo and some even return to mentor our teams. Many thanks to all those involved in the programme and we look forward to the 2013-2104 season!





School Life



Camp Kilcoo





Terry Fox Run



Turkey Trot



Hallowe'en



Castle Bazaar



7 Stories by Morris Panych



Production Team

Director Genevieve Lukow
Producer & Technical Director Ms. Drury
Artistic Director Mrs. Welbourn
Costumes & Props Mrs. Begy
House Manager Mr. Southwell

Cast

Man	Genevieve Lukow
Charlotte	Allison Poliacik
Rodney	Avery Logan
Jennifer	Summer O'Toole
Leonard	Sarika Mathur
Marshall	Dominique Lukow
Joan	Taylor Whyte
Michael	Natasha Whyte
Rachel	Allison Poliacik
Percy	Lauren Read-Tanveer
Al	Allison Anstey
Nurse Wilson	Helena Mikos
Lillian	Katherine Kurz
Voices	Anna VanHoof
	Lauren Gilbey
	Malak Abuzgaya
	Megan MacKay
	Malak Abuzgaya
	Lauren Read-Tanveer
	Summer O'Toole
	Helena Mikos

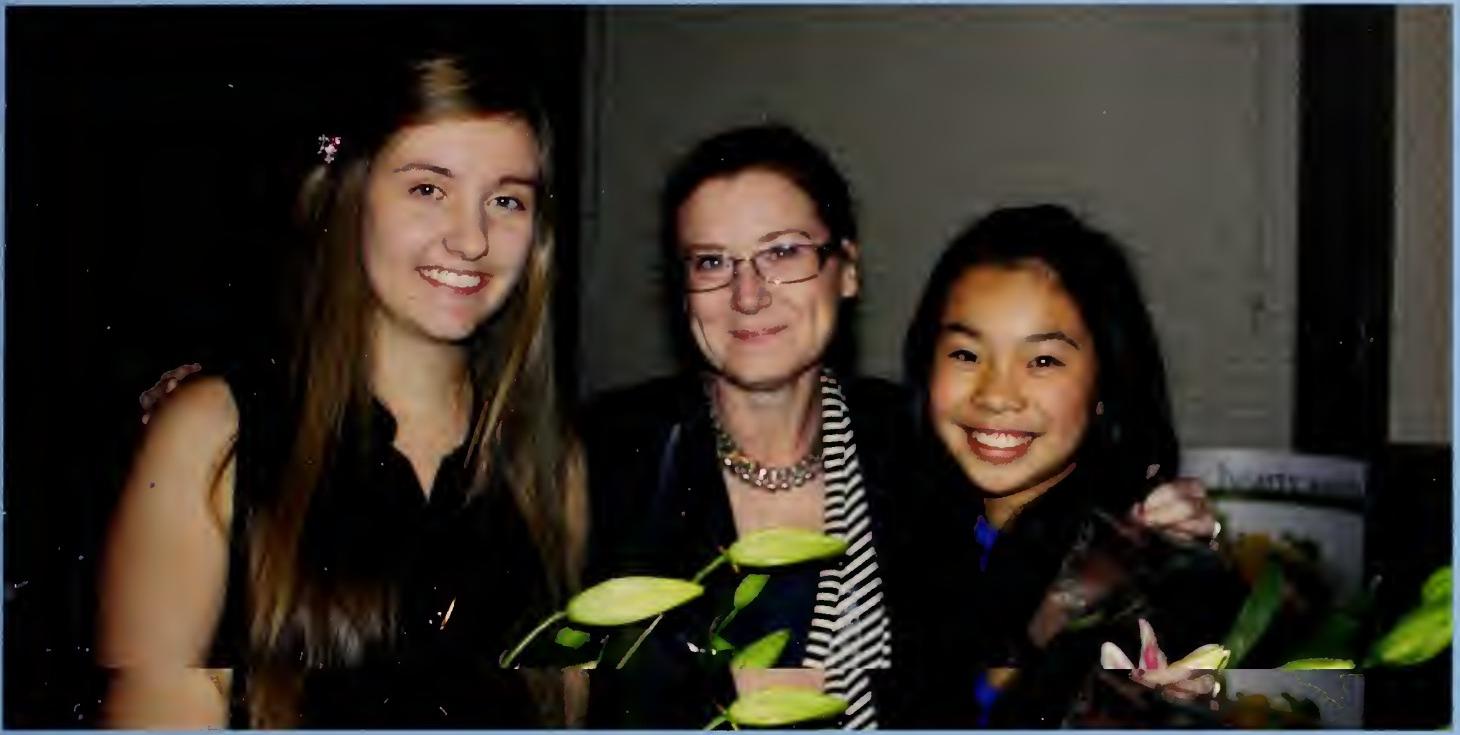
Crew

Stage Managers	Sallie Lau and Denisa Popa
Pianist	Sherry Huang
Sound	Charlotte Strahl
Lighting	Alero Ogbeide
Visuals	Hannah Herscovici
Make Up and Costumes	Mackenzie Bigioni
	Macy Church
	Jessica Cluett

Art Work and Photography

Visual Design
Program Layout

Arielle Lynch
Olivia Kim
Sallie Lau
Denisa Popa



Christmas Dinner

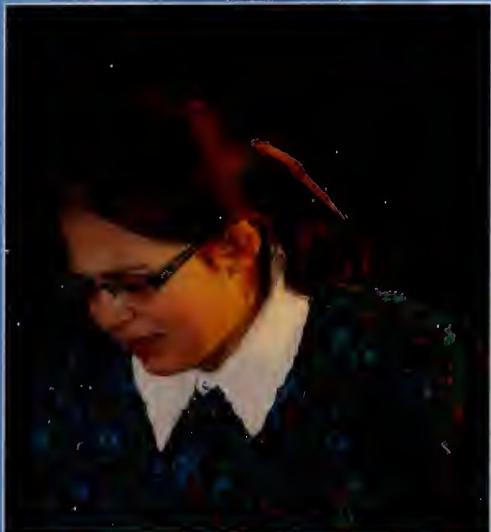




Carol Service



Junior Show



Director's Statement:
Trafalgar Castle is proud to present I'M A TEENAGER GET ME OUT OF THIS FAMILY. This play teaches you a life lesson and lets you have a good laugh along the way. We are so proud of the cast and crew of the production this year. The girls allowed their spirit and talent to take over, and have done wonders making this play come to life on stage! Their hard work and dedication paid off; we could not be more proud! It has been our honour working with these girls over the past month. We could not have asked for better actors and crew members. This has been an exceptional experience. We are honoured to have been a part of this!

Thank you for your support! We hope you enjoy the show!

- Karley Atkinson and Amanda Disher

Cast of Characters:

Mom: Reece Sawyer

Dad: Katherine Bennett

Julie: Kelsea MacKay / Bree Delaney

Johnnie: Alexia Koster

Militant Dad: Alexandra Tavares

Chef Kid: Madeline Buxton

Beth: Emma Jones / Maria Sharrad

Alien: Ema Ismaili

Politician: Amaara Ranmal

Advisor: Catherine Liu

Sports Kid: Hannah Vautour

Crying Mom: Laura Chimenti

Rich Kid: Christine Sim

Bruce: Caroline Godfrey

Betty: Amelia Bennett

Dancer: Grace Wylie

Diane: Olivia Godfrey

Cheerleader: Emma Douglas

Movie Star: Neha Mathur

Crew:

Jessica Wylie

Amy Thompson

Britney Goodfellow

Jenny Li

Zahra Rahim

Ceclie Temraz

Directors:

Karley Atkinson and
Amanda Disher

Supervising Teacher:

Ms. Robson

Sam Atkinson

Assistant Director #1:

Laura Abi-Rashed

Assistant Director #2:

Sallie Lau

Stage Manager:

Seong Hee Cho

Assistant Stage Manager:

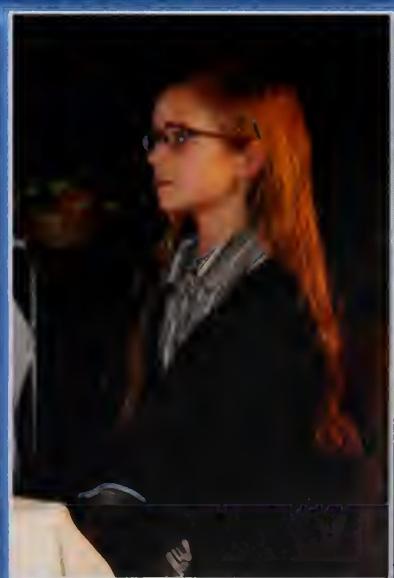
Amanda Manson

Hair and Makeup Director:

Alero Ogbeide

Lighting and Sound:

Alyssa Koziol



House Plays

Carter House

Booby Trap

by Ed Monk

Directed by: Denisa Popa and Jessica Cluett

Cast

The Soldier
Caitlyn/Sister Anne
Major Harris/ Mark
Captain Gruss/ The Professor
Tom
Cathy/ Caitlyn's Mother
The Lieutenant
Drill Instructor
The Corporal/ Soldier's Mother
Abby
Molly
Stephanie

Taylor Whyte
Avery Logan
Chelsea Brimstain
Alero Ogbeide
Sangeeta Sharma
Malak Abuzgaya
Baiyinah Jivanjee
Sallie Lau
Natasha Whyte
Olivia Godfrey
Manna Bakbak
Cienna Ardellini

Stage Manager

Crew

Jessica Ginman

Caroline Godfrey, Cameron McIntosh,
Leanne McKinnon

Lighting and Sound

Cassandra Cabrera
Denisa Popa



Farewell House

Anybody For Tea

by C. B. Gilford

Directed by: Jacqueline Taylor and Stephanie Brooks

Cast

Captain Williams
Dennis O'Finn
Miss Hildegarde
Miss Birdie
Miss Amantha
Miss Lucy
Miss Nettie
Miss Elizabeth
Kramer

Michelle Jones
Allison Poliacik
Lauren Gilbey
Lauren Eickmeier
Emma Jones
Samantha Goss
Sara McLaughlin
Amelia Bennett
Katie Bennett

Stage Manager

Aggie Moffatt

Crew

Alexa Chambers, Amanda Manson, Natalie Manson,
Kyarra Talbot, Lauryn Talbot

Lighting and Sound

Jacqueline Taylor, Grace Wylie

Hare House

High School Sucks

by: Rick Hip-Flores

Directed by: Laura Abi-Rashed and Dana Abossi

Cast

Eddy
Claire
Ms. Harrison
Alissa
Brianna
Margurite
Trevor
Ray

Kaitlin Romain
Hayley MacDonald
Megan MacKay
Zoe Marzouca
Kelsea MacKay
Heidi Tonno
Alex Lopes
Renee Min

Stage Manager
Karley Atkinson-Gaal

Crew

Ana Paula Acedo, Mackenzie Bigioni, Maegan Dymarski,
Meagan Healy, Sarah Jaciw, Natalie Mikoluk,
Lauren Read-Tanveer

Lighting and Sound:
Victoria Hallimae, Meagan Healy



Maxwell House

Bad Auditions by Bad Actors

by Ian McWethy

Directed by: Charlotte Strahl and Jennifer-Ann Morris

Cast

Casting Director
Roger
Melissa/Maria
Coach
Joe
Josie
Martin
Catherine
Meg
Charlize
Agent
Josh
Edmund
Amy

Catherine Kurz
Hannah Vautour
Rebecca Buxton
Sarika Mathur
Christine Sim
Lexi Koster
Summer O'Toole
Helena Mikos
Jennifer-Ann Morris
Maria Sharrad
Madeline Buxton
Jamie Hadley
Emily Anne Mikos
Neha Mathur

Stage Manager

Halley Bain

Crew

Hannah Kelly, Lauryn Melnick

Lighting and Sound

Jennifer White, Ema Ismail

Stop The Stigma



Spirit Week

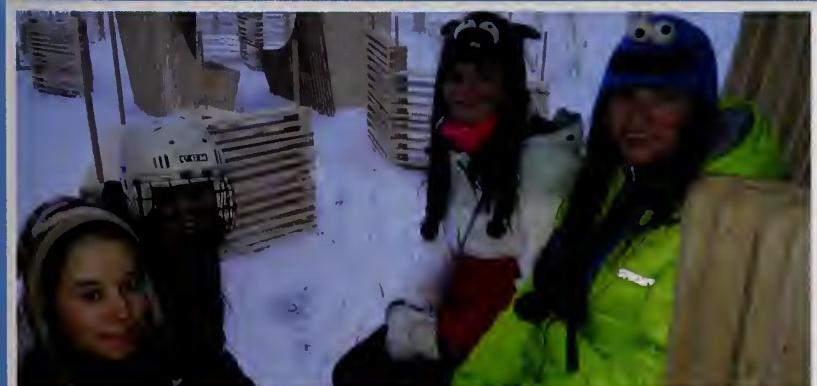


Exchange Students



This year, 22 students from across the globe came to and from the Castle on exchange. Trafalgar girls visited Queen Margaret's School in British Columbia, St. John's-Ravenscourt School in Manitoba as well as Ringwood Secondary College and Clayfield College in Australia. Whether it was fall, winter, spring or summer, each student had many unique opportunities to experience life at their host school, from snowshoeing in Winnipeg to visiting a cattle ranch on the Australian outback. These pictures are a sampling of the memories each girl will have for a lifetime!





Big Sister/Little Sister





Me to We Trip to Ghana

After months of preparation, many vaccinations, packing and repacking, the excitement was building, and we were eager and ready to go! March 11, 2013 couldn't come soon enough, and before long, we were off on our West African adventure! We knew this trip wasn't going to be your typical safari, but we were excited to embark as volunteers to help build a school in a small coastal community.

After a long overnight flight, we arrived in Accra, the hustling heart of the country, and into a hot and very humid climate. We were greeted with enthusiasm and open arms by our trip facilitators, Jessie and Elaine. They would become our friends, mentors, inspiration, and leaders throughout our time in Ghana.

A long and bumpy van ride, and several hours later, we emerged at the end of an orange dirt road to find Hideout Lodge, our home away from home for the next several days. It is located in the Ahanta West District of Ghana, just outside Asemkow, the Free the Children Community we would be working in. Crashing waves and palm trees dotted the shores of the beautiful coastline in this tropical equatorial climate.

One of the most exciting and memorable moments of our trip was the first time we visited our community, Asemkow and were welcomed with music, drumming and dancing with the children. Over the course of the week, we integrated with the locals and learned more about Ghana's culture and their traditions, food preparation and daily challenges. These were going to be the people we would be working with for the next week, and we soaked it all in. We were careful not to trip over the chickens and goats that ran freely around the village. Through a hands-on experience, we learned how to catch fish with nets, and participated in a water walk with the children of Asemkow to a nearby water source, where families in this region collected their water.

The next few days were tough and hot, but we were keen to do as much as we could in helping to build the school from the ground up. Volunteering was, after all, why we had made the trip in the first place. We moved bricks, too many to count. We pushed wheel barrow after wheel barrow of sand and rocks, mixed mortar, lay bricks and made more bricks with our very own hands. We worked side-by-side with the architects and contractors and saw the foundation of the school beginning to emerge. This was extremely rewarding, and we gladly pushed through the sweat and heat, knowing this would be the future school of the kids we saw playing around us.

As we emerged from the van each day at our build site or within the community, the children would run up and greet us with smiles and laughter. They would grab each of our hands and not let go. We cherished the time spent with one another and became fast friends. There was so much excitement, and despite the language barrier, we didn't find it difficult to communicate. No words were needed to express our mutual curiosity and adoration. Playing soccer with the kids was a highlight of our final days in Asemkow, an afternoon we won't soon forget.

Throughout our stay, we learned about Free the Children's holistic and sustainable community development model, Adopt a Village. The model is designed to meet the basic needs of developing communities and eliminate the obstacles preventing children from education, and consists of five pillars: Education, Health, Clean Water and Sanitation, Agriculture and Food Security, and Alternative Income and Livelihood.

We were very fortunate on two occasions to have the opportunity to hear from two long-standing board members and friends of Free the Children, Dr. Jonathan White, a professor of Sociology and Political Economy in Boston, and Shelley White, Professor of Sociology and Public Health in Boston. We were brought to tears as they spoke passionately about the impacts and effects of globalization, world poverty, HIV and AIDS.

We were eager to explore the natural world of Ghana, at Kakum National Park, a moist evergreen rainforest located just north of the Cape Coast. It's 357sq km of diverse and dense vegetation is enriched with varied wildlife, about 250 species of birds, a large number of reptiles and amphibians, and over 400 varieties of butterflies. Our adrenaline rush came 40m high above the forest floor, on a canopy walkway, a series of 7 narrow rope and cable suspension bridges and viewing platforms. Although we were disappointed at the lack of wildlife viewing, we were eager to arrive at Hans Botel, our overnight accommodations surrounded by crocodiles. We experienced Twi language lessons and learned how to better communicate with the locals. Medaase (thank you) soon became a favourite of us all!

Our visit to the Cape Coast Castle was a poignant reminder of the African trans-Atlantic slave trade. It was an emotional history lesson about the evolution of slavery from a white washed castle overlooking the sea. There are no words to describe what we saw and heard that day.

Our journey home from Ghana was a lengthy one, but we were fortunate to have a long layover in Amsterdam. We explored the city, smelled the flowers, bought cheese, saw the canal and reflected on our time in a country that seemed so close, yet so very far away.

Our time in Africa ended far too soon. As we reflect back on our life-changing experience equipped with our new leadership skills, we look forward to making a difference in the future. We challenged ourselves, seized every moment, learned, took chances, embraced change, amazed ourselves, and grew from our time in Ghana. We are thankful for the opportunity, but know that our time given was just a small start. We wish we could do so much more. We were sad to say goodbye to Asemkow and let go of the hands of the children. You may ask, would we do it all over again? In a heartbeat!



Village of Asemko.



School children in Asemko.



Standing on the foundation of the future school.



Cape Coast Castle – An important landmark in the history of the slave trade.



Ms. Miles-Berry and friends.



Ms. Knight with Sofia.



Enjoying a well-deserved break!



Getting water for the village.



Learning how to throw the fishing net.



Morning coffee break in Amsterdam on the way home.

Tennessee

This March Break, four Trafalgar rowers attended a training camp in Oak Ridge, Tennessee along with 40 Havergal Rowers. Under the guidance of Havergal coaches and Kate, a wonderful coach who has worked with the Junior National Team, we rowed three times a day. We enjoyed bowling night, team dinners, and frequent trips to the Walmart across the road. It was great to be able to train on such a spectacular course alongside university and high school crews. We were able to learn new skills, build and develop our technique, and make new friends from Havergal. We hope to go again next year!

- Nabeela



Chicago

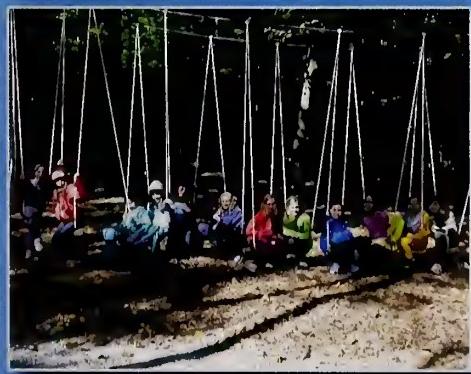
While everyone was enjoying a nice and relaxing Victoria day weekend, the band and drama students made a trip to the city of Chicago; where we got to see tourist attractions such as: The Skydeck, Field Museum, Magnificent Mile, the Art Institutes, and many more. We were able to see many shows like the Million Dollar Quartet, Oliver Begins! and the globally known Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We all had a blast and we hope to have more trips like this in the future!

-Dana and Charlotte

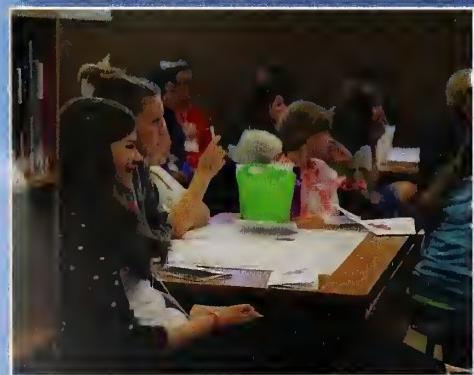


Grade 5 & 6 Adventures





I-Think @ Trafalgar





Residence Life

As I sat down to write about this past year, I began to think about all the memories that every boarder has had over the past year in this Castle that we call home. This year we had an array of weekend events; from trips to Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and New York, to theatre outings and skiing trips. We had lots of variety for all to enjoy! Our first trip of the year was to the Nation's Capital, Ottawa. The girls had a chance to visit Parliament Hill, the War Museum, the Museum of Civilization and the National Gallery of Canada. The fall is one of the most beautiful seasons in Canada and the girls made the best of it by going ice skating, trick or treating on Hallowe'en night, and enjoying a favorite Canadian pastime - a hockey game! In November the girls went to Montreal. The highlights of Montreal included a visit to Mont Royal and Beaver Lake, a walking tour of historic Old Montreal, Place Jacques Cartier, Marche Bonsecours and Vieux Port.

Our Residence Nights Out are the nights that we are able to go out as a big family and have fun.

This year we went to see "Cirque du Soleil" and in the Christmas season we enjoyed an NBA game. During the winter months the girls had the opportunity to go skiing with the SnowHawks ski and snowboarding school once again. The program was very successful. The girls were awakened at the crack of dawn to board the bus for Blue Mountain and Mt. St. Louis Moonstone and take to the slopes for their days of skiing.

For the month of February, the girls visited Quebec City during the very famous "Winter Carnival". Some highlights of this trip included the Ice Hotel, The Basilica of Ste-Anne-de- Beaupre, Montmorency Falls and an excursion to Cote de Beaupre. The New York City trip in May was a favorite trip for the girls! Some of the attractions included a visit to the 9/11 memorial, the Statue of Liberty, Top of the Rock, and The Natural Museum of History. Some of the guided sightseeing tours included Central Park, Lower Manhattan, Times Square and Soho. We also enjoyed the Broadway production of "Annie".

It has been an incredible year and we want to thank you for the great memories. Before I say good bye, I want to leave you with a quote from Liza Minnelli:

Dream on it. Let your mind take you to places you would like to go, and then think about it and plan it and celebrate the possibilities.
And don't listen to anyone who doesn't know how to dream!

Enjoy your summer!

- Mrs. Holland









Year End Events

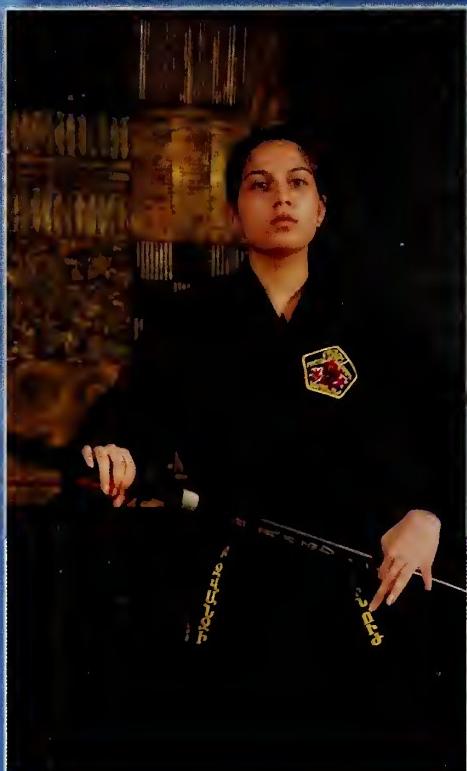


Senior Dinner





Arts Week





May Day

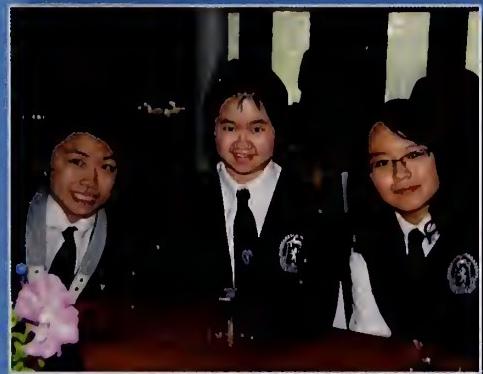




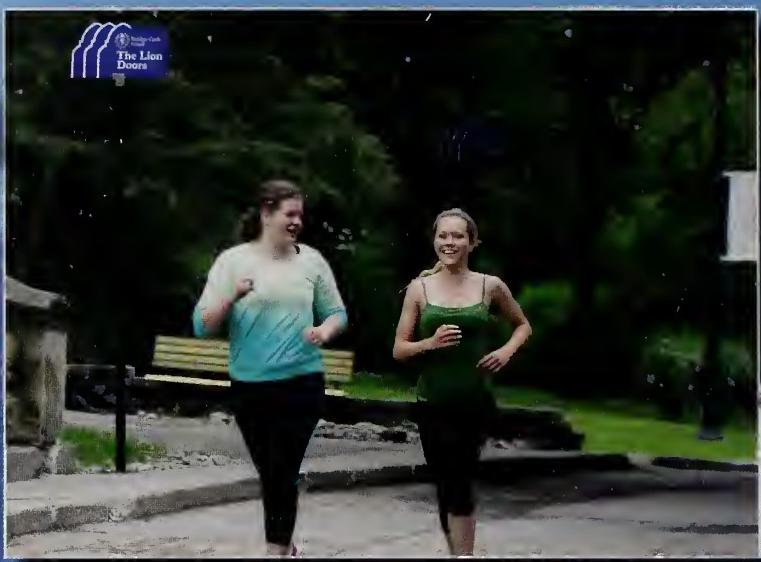
Grade 8 Celebration



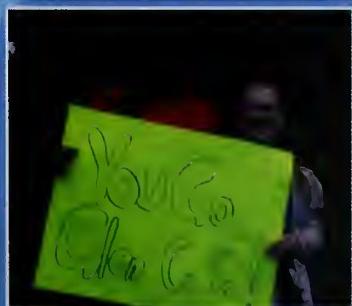
Grad Tea



Triathalon



Track and Field Day



Awards Day



MVP AWARDS

U14 Field Hockey
Senior Field Hockey
U12 Basketball
U14 Basketball

Katie Bennett
Cassandra Cabrera
Bridget Healy
Renee Min

Senior Basketball

Reece Sawyer
Alero Ogbeide

Chelsea Brimstain

Jessica Vautour

Rachel Healy

Michelle Jones

Manna Bakbak

Chelsea Brimstain

Alero Ogbeide

Alero Ogbeide

Lauryn Talbot

Denisa Popa

Alison Poliacik

Renee Min

Emma Jones

Michelle Jones

Yuki Takasawa

Mabel Jiang

Katie Bennett

Charlotte Strahl

Senior Volleyball

Track and Field

U14 Tennis

Senior Tennis

U14 Soccer

Senior Soccer

Senior Badminton

Rowing



Awards Day



HOUSE AWARDS

Hare Ties: Katie Smith, Bridget Healy, Megan MacKay and Hayley MacDonald.

Hare Sash: Karley Atkinson-Gaal, Kaitlin Romain.

Carter Ties: Caroline Godfrey, Olivia Godfrey, Taylor Whyte, Avery Logan.

Carter Sash: Chelsea Brimstain.

Farewell Ties: Amanda Manson, Emily Herbert, Katie Bennett, Amelia Bennett, Ms. Semkin.

Farewell Sash: Aggie Moffatt.

Maxwell Ties: Christine Sim, Abby Chapman, Emily Mikos, Hailey Bain.

Maxwell Sash: Alyssa Koziol.



PINS OF DISTINCTION

Dana Abossi

Alyssa Koziol

JUNIOR DUKE OF ED

Lauryn Melnick

Samantha Goss

Katie Bennett

INTER-HOUSE PLAQUE JUNIOR

Ema Ismaili

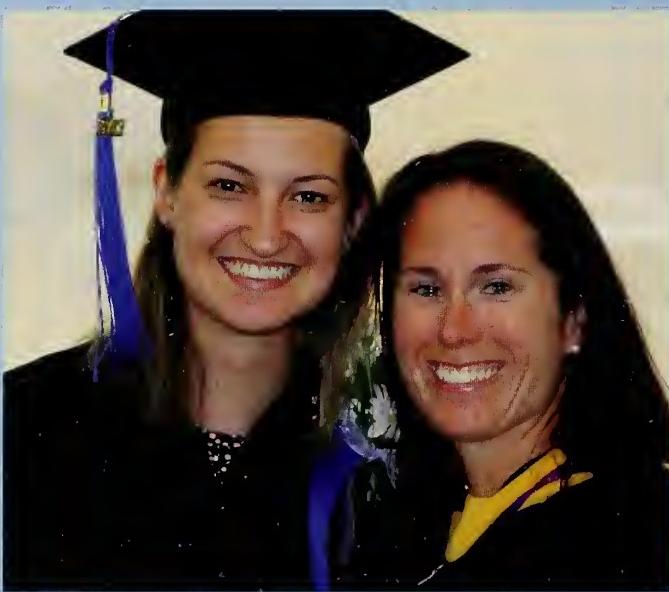
ROSE BOWL SENIOR

Laura Abi-Rashed

Nabeela Bhaloo



Trafalgar Day



PRIZES AND MEDALS

Governor General's Academic Medal

Highest standing graduate

The Scotiabank Graduate Awards of Merit

Second highest standing graduate

Third highest standing graduate

Helena Gao

Sallie Lau

Chelsa Brimstain

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Advanced Functions

Helena Gao

Art

Jacquelyn Taylor

Biology

Jennifer White

Calculus

Helena Gao

Calculus A.P.

Jessie Hou and Sherry Huang

Challenge and Change in Society

Taylor Whyte

Chemistry

Helena Gao

Drama

Avery Logan

Economics

Jennifer White

eLearning

Nabeela Bhaloo

English

Jennifer White

English A.P.

Sallie Lau

Exercise Science

Alyssa Koziol

French

Catherine Kurz

History

Sallie Lau

Law

Taylor Whyte

Mathematics of Data Management

Helena Gao

Music

Avery Logan

Physics

Sallie Lau

Studio Art AP

Genevieve Lukow

Writer's Craft

Alero Ogbeide

Prize for the highest standing in Grade XI

Denisa Popa

Prize for highest standing in Grade X

Nabeela Bhaloo

Prize for highest standing in Grade IX

Rachael Gregoris

Prize for highest standing in Grade VIII

Tatiana Bean

Prize for highest standing in Grade VII

Neha Mathur

Prize for highest standing in Grade VI

Caroline Godfrey

Prize for highest standing in Grade V

Bridget Healy



Trafalgar Day



David Jones Literary Award

The Shapiro-Cohen Prize

Progress Prizes

Dana Abossi, Grace Ju, Bria Seymour

Greatest improvement in E.S.L.

Gustav Weisman Art Prize

Mayor's Medal

Bruce M. Hicks Public Service Award

University of Toronto Book Award

Nanette Hallpike Memorial Award

Jessie Lord Ayres Scholarship

Alumnae Award

Bank of Montreal Bursary

Strathcona Shield Award

Centennial Shield Award

Parents' Guild Citizenship Awards:

Junior. Grade 5 – 8

Senior. Grade 9 – 12

Parents' Guild Executive Award

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

The Pursuit of Excellence Award

Read Day Girl Award

Residence Award

Head of School's Award

Dr. Reginald C. Davis Award

The Robert Palmer History Shield Award

Senior Science Award

Senior Mathematics Award

Alumnae Women's Inspiration Award

Student Art Collection Award

The College Masque

Leadership Awards

Valedictorian Award

Trafalgar Cup

Sallie Lau

Leanne McKinnon

Yuki Takasawa

Darci Carrier

Taylor Whyte

Chelsea Brimstain

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Jerrica Yin

Taylor Whyte

Helena Gao

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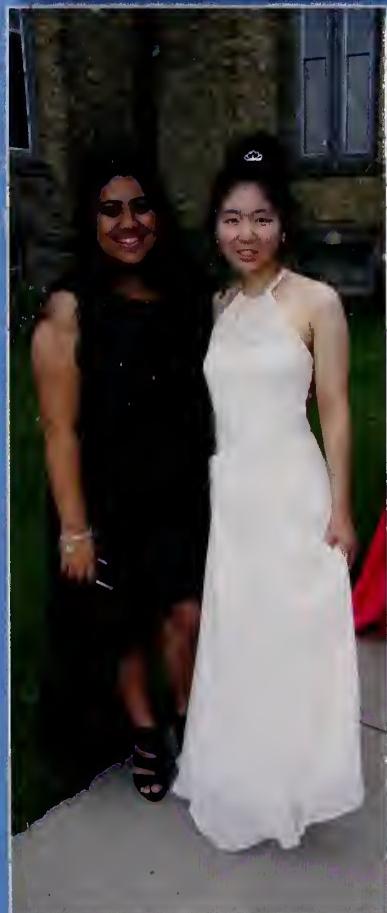
Avery Logan

Maxwell House



Graduation Dinner





Valedictory Address

Seven years ago, a little Grade Six girl walked through the lion doors of Trafalgar Castle School. Her kilt a little long, and her docs a little big, she eagerly awaited what the rest of her days at Trafalgar would look like. She found a place where she felt safe to be who she is, a place where the teachers and staff were always there to support her, a place where she discovered herself and a place which she will always call home.

Good morning to our loving parents and family who are here to support us today, fellow students, our one-of-a-kind teachers and most importantly the best looking, most intelligent and accomplished graduating class this place has ever seen. I want to thank you all so much for giving me the opportunity to speak on your behalf today. It's really funny-as I stand before you in my cap and gown, I feel like it's not quite time yet. I feel like tomorrow morning everything will continue on as normal. We will wake up, drive up the heart or, for some, walk down the residence staircase, and head to Chapel. I feel this way because this place and this journey that I have been on with all of you seems completely unreal. I mean, we literally go to school in a castle! That's something that only happens in fairy tales. Now, our time here at the school has not always been a true fairy tale. There has been a lot of hard work, dedication, late nights studying and so many rules to follow. Alright, who are we kidding? The Grade 12's have been infamous for our rule-breaking techniques. The way these girls sneak by while using their cellphones or sipping their illegal coffee cups in the locker rooms is pretty amazing. We do work hard, though. All of the Grade 12 girls are dedicated to their academics--while we're not talking to each other on Twitter or Facebook. All of us are going on next year to extremely prestigious programs but most importantly we are going into the programs that we are truly excited to study. That's what I admire most about all of you. No one can tell any of us what we are going to do in the future because each one of us is creating her own.

Of course we wouldn't be the confident women we are today without our dear old Trafalgar. The friendships and memories we have made will never leave us. What's amazing about Trafalgar is that you become open to friendships you would never think are possible. We have made connections with girls all over the world from Korea to China all the way to Barbados. We have come together as a grade and are more like family than classmates. We have made so many memories together, whether it was staying up late at Camp Kilcoo and telling scary stories by the campfire--a moment where I truly saw us all come together as a grade--or working together to create the first ever Castle Haunt, planning our Senior Dinner dance where we all shared the same feeling of embarrassment up on the stage, or flipping the school for grad prank. And, the final memory is right here on this stage, together for the last time as a graduating class.

We not only owe gratitude to the school but to the people within the community. To our family and parents: without you we would never have had the opportunity to attend such an amazing school. Thank you for supporting us when we were at our best and worst and making us into the strong woman we are today. To our teachers: you are not only educators to us; you are our mentors and role models who have guided us through our difficulties and triumphs throughout high school. You have passed on so many life lessons that we will carry with us as we leave the walls of Trafalgar.

Now as I close this speech I want you to take a good look at the faces in front of you. These young women are about to embark on the journey of a lifetime. They are going off to discover their dreams and life passions. I can guarantee each one of these young women, in her own way, will change the world. You are looking at your future engineers, artists, athletes, teachers, performers, business women, and doctors. We are all unique, heading off in our own direction next year. Now it's up to each of us to show the world what we are made of and where we come from - Trafalgar: our home and our castle!

It's so strange - the other day I was looking at our Grade 12 class photo and it occurred to me that I am no longer the little girl that entered Trafalgar in Grade 6. I entered this Castle as a child and now, together, we are leaving as strong independent young women. Let's hear it once more for the class of 2013.









